

Bulletin 4 – 12 June 2024

Welcome to the final bulletin of the 2023/24 Monkey League season.

Winners and losers

Admittedly a lot has happened since our last bulletin, but please read on to learn more about last season's over (and under) performers.

In the Premier League, Aston Villa are crowned 2023/24 Monkey League champs, pipping Arsenal and Bournemouth who finish joint runners-up. "Official" champions Man City manage only eighth, sandwiched between Crystal Palace and West Ham United. Significant handicaps given to Burnley and Sheffield United were not enough to save them from the Monkey drop, joining the Blades at the bottom of the table are Man United who will want to cut away from the league campaign to focus on their FA Cup triumph.

The Tractor boys seemingly never ran out of diesel as they stormed to the Monkey League Championship title, comfortably clear of other teams tipped to do well at the start of the season, and in fact are the Monkey League team of the season, accruing most points across all four divisions. At the other end Rotherham and Huddersfield fared no better than they did in the actual campaign.

Portsmouth edge out Stevenage to win the Monkey League – League 1 title but it was a valiant effort from the runner up who the bookies had finishing in the relegation places last September. The division's Pedigree side, Derby County, can only muster fifth place this time, Carlisle and especially Reading disappoint at the foot of the table.

Things couldn't be tighter in Monkey League – League 2 with the top 4 sides split by just a single point and the top 3 sides level at the summit. Some say by virtue of having a higher handicap and others by alphabetical order that Crewe are this year's champions. Will they have chance to let off some steam before they seek promotion again next season after play-off final disappointment? The Class of '92 owned Salford City coincidentally find themselves 92nd in the Monkey League pyramid for 23/24.

The Monkey League results

After sitting in second place heading into the final month of the season, a perfectly timed run from **Andy Wyatt** makes him this year's title winner, also the only player to beat all 1000 monkeys this campaign. An honourable mention to **Henry Tapper**, who was leading the way into May but ends up in a very commendable second place.

Good news is everyone managed to beat at least some of the monkeys this season, bad news for **Sarah Abraham** is she only out-predicted three and walks away with this year's wooden spoon.

A big thank you to all of you for playing this year. We aim to be back stronger next season!

And finally... Monkey League Euro 2024

With more football just around the corner in the form of the European Championships 2024 in Germany. Make sure to submit your Monkey League Euros entries by **5pm Friday 14 June**.

George Metcalf

Monkey League Handicap tables

Premier Division	Pl ay	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Aston Villa	38	68	31.0	99.0
2 Arsenal	38	89	8.0	97.0
3 Bournemouth	38	48	49.0	97.0
4 Fulham	38	47	47.0	94.0
5 Wolves	38	46	47.0	93.0
6 Liverpool	38	82	10.0	92.0
7 Crystal Palace	38	49	42.0	91.0
8 Man City	38	91	0.0	91.0
9 West Ham	38	52	39.0	91.0
10 Tottenham	38	66	22.0	88.0
11 Everton	38	40	47.0	87.0
12 Luton	38	26	58.0	84.0
13 Nottingham Forest	38	32	49.0	81.0
14 Chelsea	38	63	17.0	80.0
15 Brentford	38	39	40.0	79.0
16 Brighton	38	48	30.0	78.0
17 Newcastle	38	60	18.0	78.0
18 Burnley	38	24	49.0	73.0
19 Man United	38	60	12.0	72.0
20 Sheffield United	38	16	56.0	72.0

Championship	Pl ay	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Ipswich	46	96	12.0	108.0
2 Leicester	46	97	0.0	97.0
3 Leeds	46	90	5.0	95.0
4 Southampton	46	87	6.0	93.0
5 West Brom	46	75	15.0	90.0
6 Hull	46	70	19.0	89.0
7 Preston	46	63	23.0	86.0
8 Norwich	46	73	12.0	85.0
9 Cardiff	46	62	22.0	84.0
10 Bristol City	46	62	19.0	81.0
11 Coventry	46	64	16.0	80.0
12 QPR	46	56	22.0	78.0
13 Middlesbrough	46	69	8.0	77.0
14 Plymouth	46	51	25.0	76.0
15 Millwall	46	59	16.0	75.0
16 Sheffield Wednesday	46	53	22.0	75.0
17 Swansea	46	57	16.0	73.0
18 Birmingham City	46	50	22.0	72.0
19 Blackburn	46	53	19.0	72.0
20 Stoke	46	56	16.0	72.0
21 Sunderland	46	56	15.0	71.0
22 Watford	46	56	14.0	70.0
23 Huddersfield	46	45	22.0	67.0
24 Rotherham	46	27	25.0	52.0

Sky Bet League 1	Pl ay	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Portsmouth	46	97	8.0	105.0
2 Stevenage	46	71	28.0	99.0
3 Lincoln City	46	74	19.0	93.0
4 Bolton	46	87	5.0	92.0
5 Derby County	46	92	0.0	92.0
6 Oxford United	46	77	15.0	92.0
7 Peterborough	46	84	7.0	91.0
8 Leyton Orient	46	65	22.0	87.0
9 Northampton	46	60	27.0	87.0
10 Wigan	46	62	25.0	87.0
11 Blackpool	46	73	13.0	86.0
12 Exeter City	46	61	23.0	84.0
13 Barnsley	46	76	5.0	81.0
14 Wycombe	46	65	16.0	81.0
15 Cambridge	46	48	32.0	80.0
16 Bristol Rovers	46	57	19.0	76.0
17 Cheltenham	46	44	31.0	75.0
18 Shrewsbury	46	48	24.0	72.0
19 Fleetwood	46	43	26.0	69.0
20 Burton	46	46	22.0	68.0
21 Charlton	46	53	15.0	68.0
22 Port Vale	46	41	23.0	64.0
23 Reading	46	53	9.0	62.0
24 Carlisle	46	30	27.0	57.0

Sky Bet League 2	Pl ay	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Crewe	46	71	25.0	96.0
2 Mansfield	46	86	10.0	96.0
3 Stockport	46	92	4.0	96.0
4 Crawley	46	70	25.0	95.0
5 Barrow	46	69	23.0	92.0
6 MK Dons	46	78	13.0	91.0
7 Harrogate	46	63	27.0	90.0
8 Wrexham	46	88	0.0	88.0
9 AFC Wimbledon	46	65	22.0	87.0
10 Doncaster	46	71	15.0	86.0
11 Walsall	46	65	19.0	84.0
12 Morecambe	46	58	24.0	82.0
13 Accrington	46	57	22.0	79.0
14 Bradford	46	69	10.0	79.0
15 Newport County	46	55	22.0	77.0
16 Tranmere	46	57	17.0	74.0
17 Gillingham	46	64	8.0	72.0
18 Colchester	46	45	25.0	70.0
19 Swindon	46	54	15.0	69.0
20 Notts County	46	61	5.0	66.0
21 Sutton	46	42	24.0	66.0
22 Forest Green	46	42	23.0	65.0
23 Grimsby	46	49	16.0	65.0
24 Salford	46	51	10.0	61.0

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	Andy Wyatt	1,000	322.1
2	Henry Tapper	994	282.1
3	Jamie McLeod	981	245.7
4	Daniel Sirl	976	240.2
5	Sean Delaney	975	237.9
6	Sharon Royston	965	230.5
7	Emma Robinson (Lann)	963	228.0
8	Andy Leyland	957	217.2
9	Michael Savidge	957	216.9
10	Aaron Mooney	929	205.3
11	Jennifer Jackson	917	201.7
12	Michael O'Donnell	915	200.8
13	Michelle Smith	900	196.9
14	Oliver Nicholls	899	195.1
15	Katie Morgan	884	188.0
16	John McLeod	880	187.2
17	Jane Carrington	868	183.3
18	Andrew Pritchard	866	183.1
19	Olly Roper	865	182.4
20	Tony Barnard	857	179.4
21	Daniel Jinks	849	176.5
22	Caroline Parker	844	173.9
23	James Saxton	836	170.7
24	Robert Nash	813	163.7
25	Amrita Dasgupta	808	162.7
26	George Hinkley	799	159.9
27	Ben Doran	769	154.7
28	Tom Howarth	763	154.1
29	James Gardner	753	151.2
30	Aaron Love	725	146.8
31	Jacob Kennedy	719	146.2
32	Benjamin Robinson	718	146.0
33	Charlotte Adshead	709	144.1
34	Gary Symons	697	141.1

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Chris Marson	696	140.6
36	Wendy Ludman	689	139.4
37	Luke Withey	688	139.3
38	Toni Johnson	686	138.8
39	George Kennedy	685	138.7
40	Keith Williams	672	136.4
41	Emma Robinson	657	133.6
42	John Small	656	133.5
43	Tim Poil	646	130.8
44	Tim Barlow	632	128.2
45	Lance Havell	630	127.8
46	Talha Gulzar	609	123.4
47	Eddie Hopkins	592	120.0
48	Gary Hayman	582	116.4
49	Mike Booth	580	115.6
50	William Rose	579	115.5
51	James Allen	552	112.0
52	Tim Jones	525	107.3
53	Paul Marriott	510	104.7
54	Claire Herbert	495	100.6
55	Nick Saxton	477	97.1
56	Peter Adshead	462	93.5
57	Chas Goddard	445	89.8
58	Scott Harrison	436	88.7
59	Andy Yates	383	78.8
60	Bryan Gardner	374	77.0
61	Bex Thompson	371	76.2
62	Katie Trevelyan	298	62.1
63	Luke Vickers	291	61.2
64	Daren Goodall	289	60.6
65	Craig Moran	288	60.5
66	Andy Hall	284	59.3
67	Stan Hutchinson	281	58.8
68	Usman Asif	279	58.3
69	Emma Hawthorne	279	58.3
70	Max Mauchline	268	56.1

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71	Stephen Kilgannon	227	45.8
72	Neil Kennedy	221	44.6
73	Marcus Johansson	216	43.0
74	Ian Metcalf	156	30.1
75	Steve Higginbottom	156	30.1
76	Mark Warnes	148	27.8
77	Mel Wilson	143	25.8
78	Duncan Carter	140	25.3
79	Paul Landreth	137	24.3
80	Kester Young	131	22.9
81	Indleeb Rehman	119	19.6
82	Michael Johnson	111	15.5
83	James Milligan	109	14.2
84	Dale Walmsley	100	9.5
85	Ben Hall	85	3.2
86	Rob Walker	81	-0.3
87	Jonathan Hugh	69	-4.7
88	Dan Chapman	59	-11.6
89	Kim Metcalf	52	-17.2
90	Brendan O'Connor	49	-19.4
91	Peter Norman	38	-24.6
92	George Orton	38	-25.4
93	Matt Allen	36	-27.9
94	Kelly Winter	35	-28.2
95	John Hope	33	-30.9
96	Stuart Briely	26	-37.8
97	James Yacoub	26	-38.9
98	Graham Hutchings	20	-43.7
99	George Metcalf	18	-45.8
100	Mike Common	17	-48.3
101	Bailey Coe	15	-53.0
102	Owen Adams	14	-55.7
103	Charlotte White	9	-70.9
104	Marcos Abreu	8	-74.0
105	Sarah Abraham	3	-105.9