

Bulletin 5 – March 2025

Winners and losers

Welcome back to the Monkey League for another wild month of twists, tumbles and total turnarounds. With spring creeping in and the season heading into its final stretch, it's becoming clearer who's swinging towards the crowns - and who's slipping off the vines altogether.

Nottingham Forest continues to set the pace at the top of the Monkey Premier League. Their lead, now sitting at 12.8 points, shows no signs of being cut down. What once seemed like an early season fluke has turned into a full-on dominance. They've been the model of consistency while chaos unfolds below. Fulham are making a strong charge too, climbing into second place and proving that their steady form wasn't just a good run. With Bournemouth losing momentum, Fulham are now Forest's closest challengers. At the bottom, it's familiar faces in deep trouble. Man City have officially collapsed, going from bad to worse as they sit in the bottom 3. Southampton are now sitting firmly in the bottom of the drop zone, and United, clinging on, are just one poor gameweek away from joining them. It seems like both sides of Manchester need more than divine intervention to reverse their poor form this season.

Sheffield United have tightened their grip at the top of the Monkey League Championship, pulling clear of the pack after a strong run of form. Sunderland remain their closest challengers, holding steady in second, while Burnley have quietly climbed into the top three, turning their solid consistency into real progress. Further down the table, Luton remain firmly anchored to the bottom, showing no signs of recovery and are joined by Stoke and Hull, who continue to struggle despite handicaps working in their favour. The top is beginning to take shape - but for those at the bottom, time is running out.

The Monkey League 1 table is led by Wycombe, who remain top thanks to a solid points tally and a helpful handicap, edging out Wrexham and Birmingham in what's shaping up to be a tight three-way battle. Stockport are hanging on in fourth but losing ground, while Charlton, Leyton Orient and Reading are all still within touching distance of the top four. Down at the bottom, Rotherham are last with the lowest total despite not having the fewest points, while Shrewsbury, Burton Albion and Cambridge are also in trouble, showing that their generous handicaps haven't been enough to lift them clear.

Walsall continue to lead the way in League 2, with a solid all-round performance keeping them top of the Monkey League. Bradford and AFC Wimbledon are close behind with only small margins separating the top three. Grimsby and Colchester round out the top five, both benefiting from handy handicaps to stay in contention. Bromley's debut season remains impressive, sitting sixth, while Crewe have climbed steadily into the top seven. At the other end of the table, Carlisle remain rooted to the bottom with a miserable total and show no sign of lifting themselves off the foot of the table. Gillingham and MK Dons are also stuck in the drop zone despite head starts, while Tranmere, Morecambe and Chesterfield are sliding dangerously close.

The Monkey League results

[Gyll Mauchline](#) continues to lead the way, holding onto top spot for a second bulletin in a row and widening the gap to those below. Behind them, [Paul Marriott](#) climbs two places to 2nd after a strong run, with [Joe Bronstein](#) moving up from 5th to 3rd in a competitive top three.

Further down, [Sam Ashworth](#) makes the biggest move in the top 10, leaping from 12th to 8th and [John Small](#) jumps 10 places to break into the top 15.

At the bottom, [Chris Rose](#) cements his place in last with just 2 monkeys beaten and a staggering -99.7 points - somehow worse than his January tally. He's now joined by [Daniel Sirl](#) and [William Rose](#) all sinking further into wooden spoon territory.

With momentum shifting and places tightening, it's a full-on jungle scrap at both ends of the table.

Question of the month

Which team won the Premier League with the lowest ever points total?

Bonus: How many points did they finish with?

Handicap Tables as at 24 Mar 2025

	Premier Division	r ¹⁰	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Nottm Forest	29	54	35.9	89.9
2	Fulham	29	45	32.1	77.1
3	Liverpool	29	70	6.9	76.9
4	Bournemouth	29	44	29.8	73.8
5	Brentford	29	41	32.1	73.1
6	Brighton	29	47	24.4	71.4
7	Everton	29	34	32.1	66.1
8	Crystal Palace	28	39	25.1	64.1
9	Aston Villa	29	45	18.3	63.3
10	Chelsea	29	49	12.2	61.2
11	Newcastle	28	47	14.0	61.0
12	West Ham	29	34	25.9	59.9
13	Arsenal	29	58	1.5	59.5
14	Wolverhampton	29	26	32.1	58.1
15	Leicester	29	17	38.9	55.9
16	Ipswich	29	17	38.2	55.2
17	Man Utd	29	37	13.7	50.7
18	Tottenham	29	34	15.3	49.3
19	Man City	29	48	0.0	48.0
20	Southampton	29	9	38.2	47.2

	Championship	r ¹⁰	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Sheffield United	38	80	13.2	93.2
2	Sunderland	38	69	15.7	84.7
3	Burnley	38	78	5.0	83.0
4	Bristol City	38	57	23.1	80.1
5	Leeds	38	80	0.0	80.0
6	Blackburn	38	52	24.8	76.8
7	Millwall	38	51	24.8	75.8
8	Watford	38	52	21.5	73.5
9	Coventry	38	59	13.2	72.2
10	Preston	38	47	24.8	71.8
11	Oxford United	38	42	29.7	71.7
12	West Brom	38	57	14.0	71.0
13	Sheffield Wednesday	38	51	16.5	67.5
14	Swansea	38	44	23.1	67.1
15	Middlesbrough	38	54	10.7	64.7
16	Norwich	38	49	14.9	63.9
17	Cardiff	38	39	24.8	63.8
18	QPR	38	45	17.3	62.3
19	Portsmouth	38	42	19.8	61.8
20	Derby	38	38	23.1	61.1
21	Plymouth	38	33	28.1	61.1
22	Hull	38	41	16.5	57.5
23	Stoke	38	39	14.9	53.9
24	Luton	38	35	8.3	43.3

	Sky Bet League 1	r ¹⁰	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Wycombe	37	71	13.7	84.7
2	Wrexham	38	74	9.1	83.1
3	Birmingham	36	83	0.0	83.0
4	Stockport	38	65	13.2	78.2
5	Charlton	38	66	9.9	75.9
6	Lepton Orient	37	56	19.3	75.3
7	Reading	37	59	14.5	73.5
8	Stevenage	37	49	21.7	70.7
9	Huddersfield	37	61	8.8	69.8
10	Exeter	37	45	24.1	69.1
11	Northampton	38	42	26.4	68.4
12	Bolton	37	60	7.2	67.2
13	Blackpool	38	54	13.2	67.2
14	Lincoln City	38	50	16.5	66.5
15	Barnsley	38	53	12.4	65.4
16	Mansfield	37	44	20.9	64.9
17	Crawley Town	38	33	31.4	64.4
18	Bristol Rovers	38	42	18.2	60.2
19	Wigan	36	43	14.1	57.1
20	Peterborough	37	45	12.1	57.1
21	Cambridge Utd	38	30	26.4	56.4
22	Burton Albion	37	36	20.1	56.1
23	Shrewsbury	37	28	26.5	54.5
24	Rotherham	37	45	7.2	52.2

	Sky Bet League 2	r ¹⁰	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Walsall	38	70	9.9	79.9
2	Bradford	38	69	6.6	75.6
3	AFC Wimbledon	38	64	9.9	73.9
4	Grimsby	38	59	14.9	73.9
5	Colchester	38	58	14.9	72.9
6	Bromley	38	52	20.7	72.7
7	Crewe	38	58	12.4	70.4
8	Notts County	38	62	8.3	70.3
9	Port Vale	37	64	4.0	68.0
10	Doncaster	37	63	4.0	67.0
11	Newport County	38	46	17.3	63.3
12	Fleetwood Town	38	50	13.2	63.2
13	Swindon	38	48	14.0	62.0
14	Salford City	37	53	8.0	61.0
15	Harrogate Town	38	41	19.0	60.0
16	Cheltenham	38	50	9.9	59.9
17	Barrow	37	45	12.9	57.9
18	Accrington Stanley	38	41	16.5	57.5
19	Chesterfield	37	52	0.0	52.0
20	Morecambe	38	30	21.5	51.5
21	Tranmere	38	37	12.4	49.4
22	Milton Keynes Dons	37	45	1.6	46.6
23	Gillingham	37	43	1.6	44.6
24	Carlisle	37	30	6.4	36.4

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
1	Gyll Mauchline	1000	353.7
2	Paul Marriott	999	318.3
3	Joe Bronstein	999	318
4	Mel Wilson	999	310.1
5	Peter Wattle	999	299.3
6	Olly Wallace	999	297.1
7	Daniel Jinks	996	271.3
8	Sam Ashworth	995	269.2
9	Kester Young	991	252.2
10	Tim Jones	990	250.3
11	Sharon Royston	980	236.8
12	Jay Nanda	977	235
13	Aaron Love	975	233.9
14	John Small	972	230.3
15	Henry Tapper	965	225.8
16	Vicky Greenwood	960	222.8
17	Bonnie-Lee Radford	960	221.4
18	Jamie McLeod	957	220.6
19	Tim Barlow	946	216.1
20	Luke Vickers	946	215
21	Jonathan Hugh	946	214.9
22	Eesha Savani	945	213.4
23	John Escott	945	213.1
24	George Kennedy	943	212
25	Lauren Coulthard	941	211.1
26	Ben Schwikkard	940	208.5
27	Michael Savidge	933	202.7
28	James Johnston	932	201.3
29	Chris Marson	932	201
30	Amrita Dasgupta	928	199.1
31	Eddie Hopkins	928	198.7
32	James Wallace	928	197.3

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
33	Ryan Yates	913	192.6
34	Peter Nicholson	905	190.5
35	Cara Scobie	902	189.5
36	Will Jones	902	189
37	Ewan Short	898	187.7
38	Ben Reddy	891	185.2
39	Michael O'Donnell	891	185.2
40	Mark Warnes	888	184.4
41	Ben Andrew	884	182.4
42	James Milligan	881	180.6
43	Nicola Brocklesby	871	177.4
44	Jude Silverton	866	175.9
45	Joe Maddocks	862	173.9
46	Sebastian Boeck	861	173.6
47	Riley McDonagh	861	173.4
48	Sahil Bareja	861	173.3
49	Tom Howarth	854	171.9
50	Chas Goddard	845	170.9
51	Max Mauchline	845	170.8
52	Mark Sadler	844	170.6
53	Steve Houghton	844	170.5
54	Richard Wright	838	168.1
55	Stuart Briely	831	167.1
56	Lance Havell	826	164.6
57	James Hood	825	164.3
58	Robbie Burns	821	163.2
59	Mike Common	816	161.2
60	Sarah Vickers	800	154.8
61	Katie Morgan	788	153.1
62	Owen Adams	784	152.6
63	Arsalan Hussain	783	152.5
64	Ben Doran	780	151.8
65	Ian Walker	772	150

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66	Peter Norman	764	148.6
67	Rob Walker	762	148.5
68	Wendy Ludman	756	147.3
69	Nick Saxton	735	142.6
70	Chris Williams	723	139.4
71	Gary Symons	719	138.5
72	Aaron Mooney	717	138
73	Kim Metcalf	702	135.8
74	Craig Moran	698	134.9
75	Toni Johnson	682	132.1
76	Jon Gulzar	681	131.5
77	Thomas Bargery	674	129.1
78	Maria Heyns	672	128.9
79	George Orton	665	128
80	Connor Spencer	654	125.8
81	Tony Barnard	646	124.3
82	Caroline Rye	643	123.8
83	Indi Rehman	632	120.4
84	Andy Yates	631	120
85	Tristan Jones	631	119.9
86	Paul Devine	604	114.9
87	Tim Poil	593	112.8
88	Bryan Gardner	584	111.6
89	Gordon Dingwall	583	111.4
90	Neil Kennedy	561	107.5
91	Elias Fessehayé	548	105.9
92	John Stock	546	105.2
93	Oliver Nicholls	543	104.9
94	Hugo Berry	537	104.2
95	Paul Landreth	523	101.4
96	Benjamin Robinson	513	99.7
97	Marcus Johansson	505	98.1
98	Kelly Winter	498	95.7

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99	Peter Nicholls	498	95.3
100	Daniel Smith	491	94.1
101	Megan Valentine	481	92.2
102	Matthew Cotgreave	451	87.1
103	Peter Adshead	443	85.6
104	Sean Delaney	436	84.3
105	Oliver Whiles	432	83.3
106	John McLeod	423	81.6
107	Andy Wyatt	423	81
108	Duncan Carter	408	77.7
109	Robert Nash	385	73
110	William Sadler	380	72.6
111	Bex Thompson	376	71.6
112	Brendan O'Connor	370	70.2
113	James Yacoub	360	68.4
114	Jack Reeves-Jones	343	64.6
115	Jane Elford	338	63.7
116	Rachel Coe	335	63.1
117	Imran Rahim	311	59.3
118	Sam Mullock	277	52.2
119	Graham Hutchings	267	50
120	Josh Hall	262	49.1
121	James Saxton	261	48.7
122	Jake Beeton	251	47.4
123	Daniel Sirl	251	47.4
124	Lewis Ward	225	41.8
125	Katie Trevelyan	183	34.6
126	Jonah Rowlinson	174	31.5
127	John Hope	174	31.4
128	Dan Chapman	169	30.5
129	Andy Pritchard	153	25.5
130	James Gardner	152	25.1
131	George Metcalf	137	22.6

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
132	Richard Stoddart	125	17.5
133	John-Henry Paul	121	15.9
134	James Allen	121	15.8
135	Emma Robinson	114	12.3
136	Dan Pond	103	9.2
137	Ian Metcalf	91	2.1
138	Gary Potts	86	0.3
139	Darren Goodall	82	-1
140	Charlotte White	60	-8.8
141	Michael Johnson	55	-10.7
142	Stephen Kilgannon	52	-11.5
143	Steve Higginbottom	51	-11.6
144	William Rose	31	-27.6
145	Ian Constable	15	-51
146	Chris Rose	2	-99.7