

Winners and losers

Welcome to another swing through the branches of the Monkey League! With some leagues just one week from the finish and others heading into their final stretch, the vines are getting shakier, the gaps wider, and the stakes wilder.

At the top Premier League, Nottingham Forest continues to hold firm. With 100.8 points in the handicap table, Forest have weathered the chaos and now sit 10.7 points ahead of second-placed Liverpool with just four games remaining. What started as a hot streak has turned into a full-blown jungle takeover. Liverpool, already crowned champions of the Premier League, haven't had the luxury of a generous handicap but still find themselves pushing for that top spot, having leapfrogged Fulham into second thanks to raw points power. Bournemouth and Brentford are still in the mix but fading slightly as the top trio pull away. Down at the bottom, the tension is high. Tottenham are now firmly rooted to the foot of the table, still trailing a struggling Man Utd. Southampton and Man City remain stuck in the depths too. With just four teams tangled in a tight cluster, the scramble to avoid finishing last is getting wilder by the week. Pride is very much on the line.

Sheffield United are one swing away from glory in the Monkey League Championship. They remain in pole position on 104.7 points, but after a few shaky branches in recent weeks, they'll need to hold their nerve on the final day. Burnley have launched themselves into second after a red-hot climb and now stand as the only real challengers to the crown. With just one game left, it's Sheffield's to lose - but Burnley are close enough to pounce if the leaders slip one last time. Millwall and Sunderland remain in the mix for a top three finish, but the title race is now a two-team shootout. Down at the bottom, Luton are done for. Rock bottom and out of reach, they'll finish 24th regardless of what happens next. Hull and Stoke avoid last place, but it's been a rough ride for all three.

Birmingham have come storming through the jungle to seize top spot in Monkey League 1, and with one match to go, that coveted banana is firmly in their hands and ready for peeling. A near perfect run-in has seen them rack up 105 points without the aid of any handicap, putting them firmly in control. Wycombe and Wrexham still trail closely behind on 100.6 and 99.8 respectively, but at this point, it'd take Spiderman-level swinging to catch Birmingham, and even that won't be enough to dethrone the Blues. At the bottom, it's a different kind of chaos. Just 0.8 points separate the bottom four teams, and any of Bristol Rovers, Rotherham, Shrewsbury or Peterborough could end up last with one final swing to go. Bristol currently sit at the foot of the tree, but nothing is settled. It's going to be a wild finish - both at the top and down among the lowest branches.

With one week to go, it's all to play for in Monkey League 2. Bromley have climbed all the way to the top and now hold a narrow lead, capping off a remarkable debut season. Just behind, Doncaster, Walsall, Grimsby, and Port Vale are all within striking distance, separated by less than three points - making this one of the tightest finishes across the entire league system. At the bottom, Carlisle are staring up from the forest floor. With the lowest total points tally across all four divisions, their fate seems sealed. MK Dons and Gillingham are certain to join them in the bottom three, whilst Morecambe, Tranmere, and Chesterfield can breathe easier now, having just enough of a cushion to stay out of the drop zone.

One last game to go and the title may come down to a single banana slip.

The Monkey League results

The Monkey League leaderboard has a new name at the top! [Paul Marriott](#) has swung into first place with a huge 362.2 points, overtaking long-time leader [Gyll Mauchline](#), who now slips to second. [Joe Bronstein](#) holds steady in third as the chase for the crown tightens heading into the final stages.

Further down, there's movement across the board. [Lance Havell](#) made the joint largest leap of the month, vaulting 29 places to break into the top 30 - a massive swing and a clear sign of late-season form. On the other hand, [Will Jones](#) suffered the worst drop, coincidentally falling 29 places and sitting mid table at 65th.

At the bottom, it's jungle chaos. [Chris Rose](#) continues to redefine what rock bottom means, plunging to an astonishing -145.1 points and by far the lowest across the entire league. He's in a vine of his own down there, but he's not the only one slipping. [William Rose](#), [Dan Pond](#), and [Ian Metcalf](#) have all dipped dipper into the negatives too, forming a troop of misfiring monkeys flinging points the wrong way.

With just a few swings left this season, everything's still to play for... for some.

Question of the month

Which club holds the record for the most relegations in Premier League history?

Answer: At the bottom of the bulletin 😊

Handicap Tables as at 28 Apr 2025

Premier Division	Pl ay	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Nottm Forest	33	60	40.8	100.8
2 Liverpool	34	82	8.1	90.1
3 Fulham	34	51	37.6	88.6
4 Bournemouth	34	50	34.9	84.9
5 Brentford	33	46	36.5	82.5
6 Brighton	34	51	28.6	79.6
7 Newcastle	34	62	17.0	79.0
8 Wolverhampton	34	41	37.6	78.6
9 Aston Villa	34	57	21.5	78.5
10 Everton	34	38	37.6	75.6
11 Crystal Palace	34	45	30.4	75.4
12 Chelsea	34	60	14.3	74.3
13 Arsenal	34	67	1.8	68.8
14 West Ham	34	36	30.4	66.4
15 Ipswich	34	21	44.7	65.7
16 Leicester	34	18	45.6	63.6
17 Man City	34	61	0.0	61.0
18 Southampton	34	11	44.7	55.7
19 Man Utd	34	39	16.1	55.1
20 Tottenham	34	37	17.9	54.9

Championship	Pl ay	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Sheffield United	45	89	15.7	104.7
2 Burnley	45	97	5.9	102.9
3 Millwall	45	66	29.3	95.3
4 Sunderland	45	76	18.6	94.6
5 Blackburn	45	65	29.3	94.3
6 Leeds	44	94	0.0	94.0
7 Bristol City	44	67	26.8	93.8
8 Swansea	45	60	27.4	87.4
9 Oxford United	45	52	35.2	87.2
10 Coventry	45	66	15.7	81.7
11 Watford	45	56	25.4	81.4
12 Plymouth	45	46	33.3	79.3
13 Preston	45	49	29.3	78.3
14 West Brom	45	61	16.6	77.6
15 Middlesbrough	45	64	12.7	76.7
16 Sheffield Wednesday	45	57	19.6	76.6
17 Portsmouth	45	53	23.5	76.5
18 Derby	45	49	27.4	76.4
19 QPR	45	53	20.5	73.5
20 Cardiff	45	44	29.3	73.3
21 Norwich	45	54	17.6	71.6
22 Stoke	45	50	17.6	67.6
23 Hull	45	48	19.6	67.6
24 Luton	45	49	9.8	58.8

Sky Bet League 1	Pl ay	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Birmingham	44	105	0.0	105.0
2 Wycombe	45	84	16.6	100.6
3 Wrexham	45	89	10.8	99.8
4 Stockport	45	84	15.7	99.7
5 Leyton Orient	45	75	23.5	98.5
6 Charlton	45	82	11.7	93.7
7 Reading	45	75	17.6	92.6
8 Exeter	45	56	29.3	85.3
9 Stevenage	45	56	26.4	82.4
10 Northampton	45	50	31.3	81.3
11 Lincoln City	45	61	19.6	80.6
12 Crawley Town	45	43	37.2	80.2
13 Blackpool	44	64	15.3	79.3
14 Bolton	45	67	8.8	75.8
15 Huddersfield	45	64	10.8	74.8
16 Mansfield	44	48	24.9	72.9
17 Barnsley	45	58	14.7	72.7
18 Wigan	44	54	17.2	71.2
19 Burton Albion	44	46	23.9	69.9
20 Cambridge Utd	45	38	31.3	69.3
21 Peterborough	44	51	14.3	65.3
22 Shrewsbury	45	33	32.3	65.3
23 Rotherham	45	56	8.8	64.8
24 Bristol Rovers	45	43	21.5	64.5

Sky Bet League 2	Pl ay	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Bromley	45	63	24.5	87.5
2 Doncaster	45	81	4.9	85.9
3 Walsall	45	74	11.7	85.7
4 Grimsby	45	68	17.6	85.6
5 Port Vale	45	80	4.9	84.9
6 Colchester	45	66	17.6	83.6
7 Bradford	45	75	7.8	82.8
8 Notts County	45	72	9.8	81.8
9 AFC Wimbledon	45	70	11.7	81.7
10 Salford City	45	68	9.8	77.8
11 Swindon	45	61	16.6	77.6
12 Crewe	45	62	14.7	76.7
13 Fleetwood Town	45	60	15.7	75.7
14 Barrow	45	58	15.7	73.7
15 Harrogate Town	45	50	22.5	72.5
16 Cheltenham	45	60	11.7	71.7
17 Accrington Stanley	45	50	19.6	69.6
18 Newport County	45	49	20.5	69.5
19 Chesterfield	45	67	0.0	67.0
20 Tranmere	45	48	14.7	62.7
21 Morecambe	45	36	25.4	61.4
22 Gillingham	45	55	2.0	57.0
23 Milton Keynes Dons	45	51	2.0	53.0
24 Carlisle	45	41	7.8	48.8

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
1	Paul Marriott	1000	362.2
2	Gyll Mauchline	999	358.6
3	Joe Bronstein	999	337
4	Peter Wattle	998	310.9
5	Tim Jones	998	302
6	Daniel Jinks	998	300.8
7	Kester Young	998	299.2
8	Jay Nanda	997	288.3
9	Mel Wilson	996	282.1
10	Olly Wallace	992	271.3
11	Henry Tapper	992	270.2
12	Sam Ashworth	991	267
13	Jamie McLeod	989	263
14	Aaron Love	979	252.2
15	Tim Barlow	979	250.6
16	Vicky Greenwood	978	244.9
17	Sharon Royston	961	233.9
18	Eesha Savani	960	230.3
19	Chris Marson	957	226.3
20	John Small	955	224.5
21	Lauren Coulthard	951	222.5
22	Michael O'Donnell	948	220.8
23	Luke Vickers	947	219.9
24	Jonathan Hugh	923	208.8
25	James Wallace	922	208.4
26	John Escott	913	200.4
27	Lance Havell	912	200.2
28	Amrita Dasgupta	909	199.4
29	Max Mauchline	908	199.1
30	Ben Reddy	908	198.1
31	James Johnston	907	197.8
32	Steve Houghton	905	197.3

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
33	Ewan Short	900	195.1
34	Arsalan Hussain	898	193.6
35	Ben Andrew	896	193.1
36	George Kennedy	888	191.1
37	Bonnie-Lee Radford	887	190.6
38	Eddie Hopkins	884	187.7
39	Ryan Yates	879	186
40	Sebastian Boeck	878	185.8
41	Mark Warnes	875	185.7
42	Sahil Bareja	871	185
43	Michael Savidge	868	184.4
44	Cara Scobie	861	182.8
45	Peter Norman	860	182.7
46	Ian Walker	860	182.5
47	Jude Silverton	847	179.6
48	Riley McDonagh	837	174.7
49	Joe Maddocks	833	173.4
50	Peter Nicholson	833	173.3
51	Ben Schwikkard	832	173
52	James Milligan	827	172.2
53	James Hood	817	168.9
54	Ben Doran	810	167.5
55	Robbie Burns	804	165.8
56	Sarah Vickers	804	165.6
57	Kim Metcalf	798	163.9
58	Stuart Briely	796	163.6
59	Toni Johnson	773	155.2
60	Andy Yates	765	153.9
61	Gary Symons	760	152.7
62	Mark Sadler	741	148.4
63	Richard Wright	739	148.3
64	Tim Poil	732	145.3
65	Will Jones	710	139.6

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
66	Caroline Rye	702	137.9
67	Tom Howarth	702	137.7
68	Nicola Brocklesby	696	135.6
69	Rob Walker	693	135.1
70	Craig Moran	693	134.9
71	Nick Saxton	658	128.9
72	Thomas Bargery	653	128.2
73	Maria Heyns	642	126.6
74	Owen Adams	642	126.3
75	Tristan Jones	640	125.9
76	Paul Devine	638	125.4
77	Chas Goddard	614	120.8
78	Wendy Ludman	601	119.3
79	Katie Morgan	598	118.1
80	Benjamin Robinson	589	115.8
81	Mike Common	581	114.7
82	Peter Adshead	565	111
83	Aaron Mooney	559	109.4
84	George Orton	558	109
85	Kelly Winter	556	108.4
86	Neil Kennedy	554	108.1
87	Jon Gulzar	550	107.6
88	Bex Thompson	550	107.6
89	Megan Valentine	538	105.1
90	Tony Barnard	537	104.5
91	Connor Spencer	487	93.7
92	Andy Wyatt	481	92.5
93	Hugo Berry	462	89.3
94	Elias Fessehayé	458	88.4
95	Chris Williams	457	88.2
96	John Stock	447	84.6
97	Bryan Gardner	426	81.4
98	Robert Nash	416	80.1

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99	Indi Rehman	414	79.4
100	Oliver Nicholls	412	79.2
101	Gordon Dingwall	393	76.9
102	John McLeod	388	76.1
103	Paul Landreth	382	74.3
104	Daniel Smith	375	73.4
105	Peter Nicholls	371	71.4
106	Andy Pritchard	363	69
107	Imran Rahim	356	66.6
108	Oliver Whiles	329	59.1
109	Jack Reeves-Jones	321	55.8
110	Jane Elford	321	55.7
111	William Sadler	312	54.4
112	Marcus Johansson	286	49.7
113	Brendan O'Connor	277	48.2
114	Sam Mullock	257	43.6
115	Matthew Cotgreave	251	42.4
116	James Yacoub	236	39
117	Graham Hutchings	206	30.8
118	Daniel Sirl	202	30.2
119	Rachel Coe	201	29.7
120	Jake Beeton	199	29.5
121	Duncan Carter	195	27.9
122	Sean Delaney	193	27.4
123	James Saxton	186	23.4
124	James Gardner	185	23.1
125	Jonah Rowlinson	182	22.6
126	Josh Hall	176	20.8
127	John-Henry Paul	172	20
128	John Hope	170	19.2
129	Dan Chapman	170	18.8
130	Emma Robinson	167	18.3
131	James Allen	146	12.7

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
132	Darren Goodall	143	12.4
133	Steve Higginbottom	114	6
134	Lewis Ward	106	3.9
135	Charlotte White	99	-1.4
136	Stephen Kilgannon	99	-3.6
137	Gary Potts	82	-7.3
138	Katie Trevelyan	76	-12.2
139	Richard Stoddart	66	-18.6
140	George Metcalf	62	-19.3
141	Michael Johnson	61	-19.5
142	Ian Constable	61	-20.1
143	Dan Pond	42	-36.5
144	Ian Metcalf	20	-57.3
145	William Rose	18	-59.7
146	Chris Rose	1	-145.1

The club with the most relegations from the **Premier League** is **Norwich City**, with 6 relegations.