

Bulletin 7 – May 2025

Winners and losers

The jungle has settled, the vines are still, and the final whistles have echoed through the treetops - the Monkey League is officially wrapped up for the season, and what a wild ride it's been.

The curtain has closed on the Premier Division of the Monkey League and the final standings are in. Nottingham Forest have clung onto their perch to win the Monkey League Premier Division with a commanding 112 points, powered by a solid season and a generous handicap. Brentford and Fulham round out the top three, while Liverpool, despite being actual league champions, had minimal handicap help and finished sixth. At the other end, Tottenham slump to last place, joined in the bottom four by Southampton, Man Utd and Man City.

The season ends with Burnley and Sheffield United sharing the Monkey League Championship crown, both finishing on 106 points after contrasting but equally strong seasons - Burnley powered through on pure results and earned promotion to the Premier League, while Sheffield fell short in the play-offs but were lifted by a well-earned handicap boost. Leeds just missed out, finishing third with exactly 100 points despite topping the Championship table. At the bottom, Luton end the season rooted to 24th with just 59 points, suffering the rare misfortune of back-to-back relegations across the Monkey League divisions. Stoke and Hull join them in the bottom three.

The League 1 title goes to Birmingham, who stormed the season from start to finish, racking up 111 points without the help of a single handicap boost - a dominant performance that left no doubt. Stockport and Wrexham share second place on 103 points, with Leyton Orient (102) and Wycombe (101) close behind in one of the tightest top five you'll ever see. At the bottom, it's Bristol Rovers who finish last on 65 points, joined in the drop zone by Shrewsbury and Peterborough, despite both carrying generous handicaps. The biggest disappointments were arguably Bolton and Barnsley - both had strong squads and solid real-life finishes but couldn't convert that into a meaningful climb in the Monkey League.

Bromley crowned their debut season in style, climbing to the top of the Monkey League 2 standings thanks to a strong campaign. Doncaster and Walsall pushed them all the way and finish just behind, while Bradford and Grimsby round out a tight and competitive top five. At the other end, it was a tough year for Carlisle, who finish bottom of the pile after struggling to stay afloat all season. MK Dons and Gillingham join them in the drop zone, unable to make the most of their limited handicap support. Chesterfield, despite a decent real-life season, slid down the Monkey table after being handed no handicap at all - a harsh twist in the jungle rankings.

The Monkey League results

The Monkey League leaderboard has officially closed for the season and it's [Paul Marriott](#) who holds his position at the top to finish as this year's champion. After taking the lead last month, he kept his grip firm on the top vine and ends with a narrow but decisive win where he has also toppled all 1000 monkeys. [Joe Bronstein](#) climbs into second place after a strong final push, while [Gyll Mauchline](#), the long-time leader for much of the campaign, slips to third to complete the podium.

Further down the tree, there was still plenty of movement. [Mark Warnes](#) and [Ben Andrew](#) were among the biggest climbers, jumping 16 and 14 places respectively to secure strong finishes. [Riley McDonagh](#) also surged up 17 places, breaking into the top 35 just in time. On the other end, [Ryan Yates](#) took the biggest tumble of the month, falling a rather unflattering 19 places.

At the foot of the table, [Chris Rose](#) finishes the season where he spent most of it - firmly in last place. His final tally was over 500 points off the top, a truly spectacular dive into the Monkey League basement. [William Rose](#), [Ian Metcalf](#), and [Michael Johnson](#) also ended deep in the negatives, forming a not-so-elite crew of jungle 'misadventurers'.

Thanks to everyone who took part and we'll see you in the canopy next season for another wild ride through the Monkey League.

Question of the month

Who is the only player to have scored a goal in the Premier League, Championship, League One, League Two, Conference, FA Cup, League Cup, Champions League, Europa League, Scottish Premiership, Scottish FA Cup and Scottish League Cup?

Handicap Tables as at 27 May 2025

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Nottm Forest	38	65	47.0	112.0
2 Brentford	38	56	42.0	98.0
3 Fulham	38	54	42.0	96.0
4 Bournemouth	38	56	39.0	95.0
5 Brighton	38	61	32.0	93.0
6 Liverpool	38	84	9.0	93.0
7 Aston Villa	38	66	24.0	90.0
8 Everton	38	48	42.0	90.0
9 Crystal Palace	38	53	34.0	87.0
10 Chelsea	38	69	16.0	85.0
11 Newcastle	38	66	19.0	85.0
12 Wolverhampton	38	42	42.0	84.0
13 West Ham	38	43	34.0	77.0
14 Arsenal	38	74	2.0	76.0
15 Leicester	38	25	51.0	76.0
16 Ipswich	38	22	50.0	72.0
17 Man City	38	71	0.0	71.0
18 Southampton	38	12	50.0	62.0
19 Man Utd	38	42	18.0	60.0
20 Tottenham	38	38	20.0	58.0

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Burnley	46	100	6.0	106.0
2 Sheffield United	46	90	16.0	106.0
3 Leeds	46	100	0.0	100.0
4 Blackburn	46	66	30.0	96.0
5 Bristol City	46	68	28.0	96.0
6 Millwall	46	66	30.0	96.0
7 Sunderland	46	76	19.0	95.0
8 Oxford United	46	53	36.0	89.0
9 Swansea	46	61	28.0	89.0
10 Coventry	46	69	16.0	85.0
11 Watford	46	57	26.0	83.0
12 West Brom	46	64	17.0	81.0
13 Plymouth	46	46	34.0	80.0
14 Preston	46	50	30.0	80.0
15 Derby	46	50	28.0	78.0
16 Portsmouth	46	54	24.0	78.0
17 Sheffield Wednesday	46	58	20.0	78.0
18 Middlesbrough	46	64	13.0	77.0
19 QPR	46	56	21.0	77.0
20 Norwich	46	57	18.0	75.0
21 Cardiff	46	44	30.0	74.0
22 Hull	46	49	20.0	69.0
23 Stoke	46	51	18.0	69.0
24 Luton	46	49	10.0	59.0

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Birmingham	46	111	0.0	111.0
2 Stockport	46	87	16.0	103.0
3 Wrexham	46	92	11.0	103.0
4 Leyton Orient	46	78	24.0	102.0
5 Wycombe	46	84	17.0	101.0
6 Charlton	46	85	12.0	97.0
7 Reading	46	75	18.0	93.0
8 Exeter	46	56	30.0	86.0
9 Crawley Town	46	46	38.0	84.0
10 Stevenage	46	57	27.0	84.0
11 Blackpool	46	67	16.0	83.0
12 Northampton	46	51	32.0	83.0
13 Lincoln City	46	61	20.0	81.0
14 Mansfield	46	54	26.0	80.0
15 Bolton	46	68	9.0	77.0
16 Barnsley	46	61	15.0	76.0
17 Huddersfield	46	64	11.0	75.0
18 Wigan	46	56	18.0	74.0
19 Burton Albion	46	47	25.0	72.0
20 Cambridge Utd	46	38	32.0	70.0
21 Rotherham	46	59	9.0	68.0
22 Peterborough	46	51	15.0	66.0
23 Shrewsbury	46	33	33.0	66.0
24 Bristol Rovers	46	43	22.0	65.0

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Bromley	46	66	25.0	91.0
2 Doncaster	46	84	5.0	89.0
3 Walsall	46	77	12.0	89.0
4 Bradford	46	78	8.0	86.0
5 Grimsby	46	68	18.0	86.0
6 AFC Wimbledon	46	73	12.0	85.0
7 Colchester	46	67	18.0	85.0
8 Port Vale	46	80	5.0	85.0
9 Notts County	46	72	10.0	82.0
10 Salford City	46	69	10.0	79.0
11 Swindon	46	62	17.0	79.0
12 Crewe	46	62	15.0	77.0
13 Fleetwood Town	46	60	16.0	76.0
14 Harrogate Town	46	53	23.0	76.0
15 Barrow	46	59	16.0	75.0
16 Cheltenham	46	60	12.0	72.0
17 Accrington Stanley	46	50	20.0	70.0
18 Chesterfield	46	70	0.0	70.0
19 Newport County	46	49	21.0	70.0
20 Tranmere	46	51	15.0	66.0
21 Morecambe	46	36	26.0	62.0
22 Gillingham	46	58	2.0	60.0
23 Milton Keynes Dons	46	52	2.0	54.0
24 Carlisle	46	42	8.0	50.0

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
1	Paul Marriott	1000	381.3
2	Joe Bronstein	999	357.4
3	Gyll Mauchline	999	353.7
4	Peter Wattle	998	309.8
5	Kester Young	996	305.1
6	Daniel Jinks	996	304.4
7	Henry Tapper	995	293.1
8	Tim Jones	995	292.5
9	Jamie McLeod	994	289.8
10	Olly Wallace	988	276.9
11	Mel Wilson	988	276.7
12	Jay Nanda	988	273.1
13	Aaron Love	988	272.2
14	Sharon Royston	969	250.1
15	Sam Ashworth	958	239.7
16	John Small	948	234.3
17	Vicky Greenwood	948	233.8
18	Eesha Savani	948	232.7
19	Lauren Coulthard	933	223.9
20	Chris Marson	933	222.8
21	Ben Andrew	932	222.1
22	James Wallace	931	221.4
23	Tim Barlow	930	220.1
24	Jonathan Hugh	926	215.4
25	Mark Warnes	925	213.7
26	George Kennedy	907	205.1
27	Ben Reddy	903	202.6
28	James Johnston	903	202.5
29	Lance Havell	901	201.9
30	Max Mauchline	893	198.1
31	Riley McDonagh	893	197.8
32	Luke Vickers	882	193.7

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
33	Steve Houghton	880	193.5
34	Sahil Bareja	875	192.1
35	John Escott	869	189.8
36	Peter Norman	866	188.4
37	Ben Schwikkard	866	187.9
38	Ewan Short	863	186.9
39	Michael O'Donnell	863	186.7
40	Bonnie-Lee Radford	862	186.5
41	Sebastian Boeck	859	186.1
42	Eddie Hopkins	855	183.8
43	Arsalan Hussain	851	181.6
44	Amrita Dasgupta	846	180.7
45	Cara Scobie	837	177.8
46	Michael Savidge	837	177.6
47	James Milligan	834	176.9
48	Mark Sadler	830	175.4
49	Joe Maddocks	830	175.3
50	Stuart Briely	820	172.5
51	Peter Nicholson	819	172.3
52	Will Jones	814	170.4
53	Kim Metcalf	810	168.9
54	Gary Symons	803	167.1
55	Jude Silverton	790	163.8
56	Toni Johnson	781	161.5
57	James Hood	781	161.4
58	Ryan Yates	770	157.8
59	Andy Yates	770	157.8
60	Robbie Burns	765	157.1
61	Sarah Vickers	761	156.5
62	Ian Walker	751	154.8
63	Ben Doran	749	153.8
64	Richard Wright	745	152
65	Caroline Rye	729	147.6

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
66	Thomas Bargery	722	146.5
67	Katie Morgan	711	144.8
68	Tim Poil	684	138.6
69	Nicola Brocklesby	683	138.2
70	Craig Moran	683	137.6
71	Mike Common	683	136.7
72	Rob Walker	637	127.2
73	Tristan Jones	633	126.5
74	Tony Barnard	632	125.4
75	Bex Thompson	630	124.1
76	Wendy Ludman	620	122.1
77	Owen Adams	615	121.1
78	Maria Heyns	615	121.1
79	Nick Saxton	599	117.7
80	Tom Howarth	590	116.3
81	John Stock	573	113.4
82	Aaron Mooney	552	109.1
83	Kelly Winter	552	108.8
84	Connor Spencer	519	102.3
85	George Orton	507	100.3
86	Peter Adshead	507	100.1
87	Benjamin Robinson	493	96.8
88	Chris Williams	481	93.2
89	Hugo Berry	473	92.2
90	Elias Fessehayé	468	91.3
91	Chas Goddard	459	90.6
92	Paul Devine	459	90.3
93	Gordon Dingwall	451	87.9
94	Jon Gulzar	444	86.5
95	Oliver Nicholls	442	86.2
96	Andy Wyatt	436	85.4
97	Indi Rehman	429	83.8
98	Megan Valentine	420	81.9

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99	John McLeod	408	78.6
100	Neil Kennedy	405	76.9
101	Imran Rahim	400	75.6
102	Jane Elford	372	67.5
103	Bryan Gardner	350	62.2
104	Andy Pritchard	328	57.1
105	Robert Nash	323	56.3
106	Peter Nicholls	307	51.4
107	William Sadler	288	48
108	Jack Reeves-Jones	277	45.8
109	Daniel Smith	276	44.9
110	Paul Landreth	260	39.7
111	Oliver Whiles	260	39.7
112	Rachel Coe	260	39.6
113	James Yacoub	250	37.8
114	Josh Hall	238	34.9
115	James Gardner	237	34.7
116	Graham Hutchings	226	32.7
117	Sam Mullock	221	30.9
118	John-Henry Paul	202	25.4
119	Lewis Ward	199	23.6
120	Daniel Sirl	199	23.4
121	Jonah Rowlinson	194	21.7
122	Duncan Carter	193	20.7
123	Steve Higginbottom	192	20.4
124	Brendan O'Connor	188	19.7
125	James Saxton	168	16
126	Marcus Johansson	145	10.6
127	Matthew Cotgreave	144	10.2
128	Sean Delaney	142	9.6
129	Jake Beeton	131	5.7
130	John Hope	119	0.7
131	Gary Potts	113	-1.5

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
132	Dan Chapman	108	-2.9
133	Emma Robinson	101	-5.6
134	James Allen	98	-6.4
135	Darren Goodall	92	-7.8
136	Katie Trevelyan	87	-11.5
137	Charlotte White	81	-16.3
138	Stephen Kilgannon	79	-19
139	Richard Stoddart	75	-21.3
140	George Metcalf	71	-24.6
141	Ian Constable	69	-24.8
142	Dan Pond	65	-28.3
143	Michael Johnson	48	-36.8
144	Ian Metcalf	26	-61.1
145	William Rose	23	-64.2
146	Chris Rose	1	-149.4