

Bulletin 11 – 2 July 2024

Welcome to our eleventh bulletin of the First Actuarial Monkey Euros 2024. During the tournament, we will be giving you regular updates on the latest happenings from Germany, and the current standings in our competition to ensure you're all aware of how well (or not!) you're doing.

France 1 - 0 Belgium

A dull affair saw France sneak their way past Belgium 1 - 0 into the quarter finals. France controlled possession for much of the contest, though struggled to convert this into any real attempts on goal. The game looked certain to be heading for extra time until the 85th minute when World-Cup nearly man Kolo Muani's shot deflected off Belgium's Jan Vertonghen, scoring a scruffy decider fitting for the quality of the game. Belgium did have a chance to win the game prior to this via a Kevin De Bruyne effort, though this was comfortably parried away by the French goalkeeper. France now find themselves in the final 8 of the competition having scored only three goals in total, two of which have been own-goals and the other a penalty.

Portugal 0 – 0 Slovenia (AET) (Portugal advance on penalties)

Another close encounter saw Portugal take on Slovenia, this one requiring a penalty shoot-out to decide the tie. Portugal dominated much of the game though were unable to break the deadlock (not for a lack of trying from Cristiano Ronaldo, who was unable to convert any of his 25 free-kick attempts). Portugal's Pepe, who holds the record as the oldest player in Euros history at 41, showed his age as he tried his best to send Slovenia into the quarter-finals through some sloppy play on the half-way line, though Benjamin Sesko was unable to convert his one-on-one to put Slovenia through. Much of the same continued into extra time, with a teary-eyed Ronaldo also failing to convert a penalty just before the half-way point, this seeing the game into spot-kicks after 120 minutes. Heroics from Portuguese 'keeper Diogo Costa meant he became the first goalkeeper in Euros history to save of the three penalties he faced, with Ronaldo also finally managing to find the net as Portugal won the shoot-out 3 - 0. This sets up a quarter-final clash against France on Friday.

France's best player – Own Goal

Not only have France benefitted from own-goals in this tournament, but Les Bleus now hold the record as the nation who have 'scored' the most own goals (to their benefit) in both the Euros (5) and the World Cup (6). The last time a French player scored a winning goal in the Euros was Antoine Griezmann in 2016, with their only win in Euro 2020 being a 1 – 0 against Germany via a Mats Hummels own goal.

Results

A reminder that you score 10 points for each correct team you predict makes the quarter-finals.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, 119 of the 142 players scored maximum points for predicting that Portugal and France would advance to the quarters. There were no movements in the standings in the top 28 players. The biggest movers of the day were **Amrita Dasgupta** who climbed 8 places, and **Andy Yates** who fell 22 places.

Rob Walker



Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
1	Rob Walker	275	-	+20
2	Aaron Love	268	-	+20
3	Hugo Berry	257	-	+20
3	Sebastian Boeck	257	-	+20
5	Dan Jinks	247	-	+20
5	Nick Saxton	247	-	+20
5	Owen Adams	247	-	+20
8	Mel Wilson	245	-	+20
9	Daniel Smith	241	-	+20
9	Matthew Clark	241	-	+20
11	David Thirlwell	240	-	+20
12	Elias Fessehaye	230	-	+20
13	Ed Cox	229	-	+20
13	Mark Warnes	229	-	+20
13	Phil Kelly	229	-	+20
16	Darren Goodall	228	-	+20
16	Melissa Jackson	228	-	+20
18	Ben Doran	226	-	+20
18	Ian Constable	226	-	+20
18	James Allen	226	-	+20
18	James Milligan	226	-	+20
18	Jane Eford	226	-	+20
18	Oliver Nicholls	226	-	+20
24	Caroline Parker	225	-	+20
24	Jamie McLeod	225	-	+20
24	Jonathan Hugh	225	-	+20
24	Neil Kennedy	225	-	+20
28	John Escott	224	+1	+20
29	Sharon Royston	223	+1	+20
30	George Sharp	222	+2	+20
30	Olav Dahl Elde	222	+2	+20
32	Bailey Coe	221	+3	+20
32	Usman Asif	221	+3	+20
34	Bryan Gardner	219	+5	+20
35	Gary Symons	218	+5	+20
35	Tim Jones	218	+5	+20
37	Duncan Carter	217	+5	+20
38	Andy Wyatt	216	+5	+20
39	Emma Robinson	215	+5	+20
39	George Metcalf	215	-15	+10
39	Indleeb Rehman	215	+5	+20
42	Aaron Mooney	214	+4	+20
42	Daniel Sirl	214	+4	+20
42	Joe Bronstein	214	+4	+20
45	Brad Bennett	213	+5	+20
45	Dan Chapman	213	+5	+20
45	John McLeod	213	+5	+20
45	Marcus Johansson	213	-15	+10



Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
45	Viv Lloyd	213	+5	+20
50	Josh Titley	212	+4	+20
50	Larisa Wood	212	-18	+10
50	Luke Vickers	212	+4	+20
50	Ryan Templeton	212	+4	+20
54	Andrew Hall	211	+3	+20
54	Henry Tapper	211	-19	+10
54	Robert Nash	211	+3	+20
57	Claire Herbert	210	+3	+20
57	Ed Winstanley	210	+3	+20
57	Kieran Armstrong	210	-19	+10
57	Lewis Ward	210	+3	+20
57	Sam Mullock	210	+3	+20
62	Michael Johnson	208	+3	+20
62	Paul Marriott	208	+3	+20
64	Virginie Allen	207	+3	+20
65	Charlotte White	205	+3	+20
65	James Gardner	205	+3	+20
65	Stephen Kilgannon	205	+3	+20
68	Andy Yates	204	-22	+10
68	Chris Williams	204	+3	+20
70	Tim Poil	203	+2	+20
71	Andrew Pritchard	202	+2	+20
72	John Small	201	+2	+20
72	Peter Norman	201	-15	+10
72	William Rose	201	+2	+20
75	Jason Ardern	200	-15	+10
76	Andrew Allsopp	199	-	+20
77	Peter Adshead	198	-	+20
77	Richard Lloyd	198	-	+20
79	Kim Metcalf	196	-	+20
79	Michael Garland	196	-	+20
79	Patrick Goudard	196	-	+20
79	Peter Wattle	196	-	+20
83	George Kennedy	195	-	+20
84	Tony Barnard	194	-	+20
85	Gary Hayman	193	-	+20
85	George Hinkley	193	-	+20
87	Chris Marson	191	+1	+20
88	Benjamin Robinson	190	+1	+20
88	Jacob Kennedy	190	+1	+20
88	Peter Barber	190	+1	+20
91	Megan Valentine	189	+1	+20
92	Ashraf Mitha	188	+1	+20
92	Stuart Briely	188	+1	+20
94	John Stock	187	+1	+20
94	Lee French	187	+1	+20
94	Robbie Burns	187	+1	+20



Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
97	Craig Moran	186	+2	+20
97	Jenny Mahtani	186	+2	+20
97	Max Mauchline	186	+2	+20
97	Mike Common	186	+2	+20
97	Tim Hart	186	+2	+20
102	John-Henry Paul	185	+4	+20
102	Kallia Panayiotides	185	+4	+20
104	Mara Aleixo	184	+4	+20
105	Eesha Savani	183	-20	+10
105	Olly Wallace	183	+6	+20
105	Sam Ashworth	183	+6	+20
105	Tim Barlow	183	+6	+20
109	Christopher Allen	179	+7	+20
109	Ryan Yates	179	+7	+20
111	Arsalan Hussain	178	+7	+20
112	Amrita Dasgupta	177	+8	+20
112	Eddie Hopkins	177	-17	+10
114	Ben Hoskins	176	-15	+10
114	William Sadler	176	-15	+10
116	Richard Stoddart	174	-8	+10
116	Riley McDonagh	174	-8	+10
118	Debbie Barthrop	173	-7	+10
118	Thomas Bargery	173	+4	+20
120	Dan Pond	172	-5	+10
121	Brendan O'Connor	171	+2	+20
121	Hannah Duncan	171	+2	+20
121	Peter Nicholson	171	+2	+20
124	Talha Gulzar	169	+3	+20
125	Ian Metcalf	168	+3	+20
125	Wendy Ludman	168	-7	+10
127	Michael Savidge	165	-6	+10
128	Charlotte Adshead	164	2	+20
128	James Hood	164	2	+20
130	Lizzy Cook	163	2	+20
131	Charlie Phipps	162	2	+20
132	Paul Landreth	161	-9	+10
133	Josh Hirst	158	-5	+10
133	Katie Morgan	158	3	+20
135	Daniel Hope	157	2	+20
136	Bex Thompson	153	2	+20
137	Sonal Parmar	152	2	+20
138	Lance Havell	150	2	+20
138	Michael O'Donnell	150	-4	+10
140	Toni Johnson	149	-5	+10
141	Sue Vivian	143	-	+20
142	Zoe Sadler	58	-	+10