

## Bulletin 2 – 13 October 2023

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

### Winners and losers

The end of Spurs' trophy drought may finally be upon us, with the North London side topping both the Premier League and the Monkey Premier League table on current standings. Strong starts for European contenders Aston Villa and Brighton continue as they find themselves in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with the remaining position in the top 4 being nailed down by the Hammers. In the words of the politest Sheffield United fan, the Blades see themselves 'hecking-bottom' of the table after eight games, and results such as an 0-8 home defeat won't go very far in moving them from last spot. The remaining relegation spots are occupied by a newly promoted Burnley side struggling to find their footing in the Premier League, being kept company down at the bottom by a Bournemouth side who are no doubt regretting the seemingly premature sacking of last season's managerial saviour Gary O'Neil.

Following promotion from League 1 last season, it comes as a bit of a surprise to see Ipswich Town harvesting wins in the Championship so far this season. 'The Tractor Boys' lead the Monkey League after a strong start to their domestic campaign. The zero handicap seems to be having little effect on Championship leaders Leicester, who after dropping points in just one game all season find themselves 2<sup>nd</sup> in the standings. Like their city counterpart, it's not been the best of starts for 'The Owls' Sheffield Wednesday 'Hoo' find themselves rock bottom of the table after failing to win any of their opening eleven games. The two Sheffield sides will need to find a bit of steel, else the city may be answering last season's double promotion with an immediate double relegation.

Despite having played one game fewer than the teams around them, Oxford United are still flying high at the top of the Monkey League 1 table, with actual league leaders Portsmouth docked just behind in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reading find themselves as the worst performer across all four divisions, though understandable considering they've been deducted four points. Another side who started the wrong side of zero this year in Wigan are also struggling towards the bottom, while less than two points are separating a Cheltenham side who haven't been at the races so far this season from bottom spot.

Wimbledon sit top of the Monkey League 2 after serving out 3 wins on the spin prior to drawing their most recent game. MK Dons, who were top of the Monkey League at the time of the most recent bulletin, find themselves slipping down the table into 18<sup>th</sup>, while Stockport who were previously in 23<sup>rd</sup> spot are sitting comfortably in 6<sup>th</sup>. The bottom three spots are occupied by Tranmere, Sutton and Forest Green, all of whom are in the exact same positions in the League 2 table and will be hoping to pick up form so they're not omitted from the Monkey League next season.

### The Monkey League results

[Sharon Royston](#) moves from 11<sup>th</sup> to claim the top spot this week, with previous leader [Aaron Mooney](#) finding himself in 2<sup>nd</sup> position heading into the international break. Things have somehow gotten worse for Monkey League organiser [George Metcalf](#), who not only finds himself bottom of the standings again but is now being beaten by all 1,000 Monkeys.

### Quote of the week

Mauricio Pochettino on VAR post-the Liverpool Tottenham fallout: *"I trust in the car, but the driver... that is the problem"*.

### Question of the week

Recently retired Eden Hazard (16G, 15A) is one of only four players to score 15+ goals and provide 15+ assists in a single season, along with Thierry Henry (24G, 20A), Matt Le Tissier (19G, 15A) and one other.

Can you name the other player?

### Results

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Tottenham	8	20	4.6	24.6
2 Aston Villa	8	16	6.5	22.5
3 Brighton	8	16	6.3	22.3
4 West Ham	8	14	8.2	22.2
5 Arsenal	8	20	1.7	21.7
6 Fulham	8	11	9.9	20.9
7 Crystal Palace	8	12	8.8	20.8
8 Nottingham Forest	8	9	10.3	19.3
9 Liverpool	8	17	2.1	19.1
10 Man City	8	18	0.0	18.0
11 Wolves	8	8	9.9	17.9
12 Everton	8	7	9.9	16.9
13 Newcastle	8	13	3.8	16.8
14 Luton	8	4	12.2	16.2
15 Brentford	8	7	8.4	15.4
16 Chelsea	8	11	3.6	14.6
17 Man United	8	12	2.5	14.5
18 Burnley	8	4	10.3	14.3
19 Bournemouth	8	3	10.3	13.3
20 Sheffield United	8	1	11.8	12.8

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Ipswich	11	28	2.9	30.9
2 Leicester	11	30	0.0	30.0
3 Preston	11	20	5.5	25.5
4 Birmingham City	11	18	5.3	23.3
5 Sunderland	11	19	3.6	22.6
6 Cardiff	11	17	5.3	22.3
7 Hull	11	17	4.5	21.5
8 Leeds	11	19	1.2	20.2
9 Norwich	11	17	2.9	19.9
10 West Brom	11	16	3.6	19.6
11 Bristol City	11	15	4.5	19.5
12 Coventry	11	15	3.8	18.8
13 Millwall	11	15	3.8	18.8
14 Swansea	11	15	3.8	18.8
15 Southampton	11	17	1.4	18.4
16 Blackburn	11	13	4.5	17.5
17 Plymouth	11	11	6.0	17.0
18 Huddersfield	11	11	5.3	16.3
19 Middlesbrough	11	14	1.9	15.9
20 Stoke	11	10	3.8	13.8
21 Watford	11	10	3.3	13.3
22 QPR	11	8	5.3	13.3
23 Rotherham	11	6	6.0	12.0
24 Sheffield Wednesday	11	3	5.3	8.3

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Oxford United	11	27	3.6	30.6
2 Portsmouth	12	28	2.1	30.1
3 Stevenage	12	21	7.3	28.3
4 Barnsley	12	22	1.3	23.3
5 Port Vale	12	17	6.0	23.0
6 Peterborough	12	21	1.8	22.8
7 Wycombe	11	19	3.8	22.8
8 Exeter City	12	16	6.0	22.0
9 Cambridge	11	14	7.7	21.7
10 Bolton	11	20	1.2	21.2
11 Bristol Rovers	11	15	4.5	19.5
12 Northampton	11	13	6.5	19.5
13 Leyton Orient	11	14	5.3	19.3
14 Lincoln City	10	15	4.1	19.1
15 Blackpool	11	16	3.1	19.1
16 Burton	12	13	5.7	18.7
17 Shrewsbury	11	13	5.7	18.7
18 Charlton	11	15	3.6	18.6
19 Carlisle	12	11	7.0	18.0
20 Derby County	11	18	0.0	18.0
21 Fleetwood	11	8	6.2	14.2
22 Wigan	11	5	6.0	11.0
23 Cheltenham	12	2	8.1	10.1
24 Reading	11	6	2.2	8.2

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 AFC Wimbledon	12	21	5.7	26.7
2 Crawley	12	20	6.5	26.5
3 Crewe	12	20	6.5	26.5
4 Notts County	12	24	1.3	25.3
5 Gillingham	12	22	2.1	24.1
6 Stockport	12	23	1.0	24.0
7 Morecambe	11	18	5.7	23.7
8 Harrogate	12	16	7.0	23.0
9 Accrington	12	17	5.7	22.7
10 Mansfield	12	20	2.6	22.6
11 Swindon	11	19	3.6	22.6
12 Barrow	11	16	5.5	21.5
13 Wrexham	12	20	0.0	20.0
14 Walsall	12	15	5.0	20.0
15 Newport County	12	14	5.7	19.7
16 Bradford	12	16	2.6	18.6
17 Salford	12	16	2.6	18.6
18 MK Dons	12	15	3.4	18.4
19 Grimsby	12	14	4.2	18.2
20 Colchester	11	10	6.0	16.0
21 Doncaster	12	11	3.9	14.9
22 Tranmere	12	10	4.4	14.4
23 Sutton	12	7	6.3	13.3
24 Forest Green	12	7	6.0	13.0

## Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	Sharon Royston	994	181.1
2	Aaron Mooney	981	165
3	Andy Leyland	973	160.3
4	George Hinkley	964	157.4
5	Michael Savidge	960	154.1
6	George Kennedy	947	151.2
7	John McLeod	935	148.9
8	Jacob Kennedy	925	147
9	Michael O'Donnell	921	146
10	Jamie McLeod	919	145.9
11	Daniel Sirl	913	143.7
12	Tim Jones	898	141.1
13	Gary Symons	893	140.4
14	Henry Tapper	885	139.5
15	Wendy Ludman	870	137
16	Gary Hayman	858	134.9
17	Andy Wyatt	848	133.5
18	Chris Marson	828	131.4
19	Tim Poil	828	130.9
20	Daniel Jinks	818	129.7
21	Andy Yates	812	128.5
22	Keith Williams	799	126.3
23	Sean Delaney	767	123.6
24	Chas Goddard	726	119.8
25	Scott Harrison	723	119.3
26	Stan Hutchinson	695	117.2
27	Katie Morgan	680	116.1
28	Caroline Parker	672	115.4
29	John Small	650	113.2
30	James Allen	650	113.2
31	Aaron Love	614	111.2
32	Tom Howarth	611	110.8
33	Michelle Smith	597	110.1
34	Nick Saxton	575	108.2

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Olly Roper	571	107.8
36	Andy Hall	565	107.2
37	Benjamin Robinson	556	106.3
38	Tony Barnard	555	106.2
39	Emma Robinson (Lann)	553	106
40	Oliver Nicholls	542	105.1
41	Andrew Pritchard	531	104.1
42	Jane Carrington	530	104
43	Ian Metcalf	515	103.2
44	Robert Nash	502	102.2
45	Paul Marriott	497	101.5
46	Marcus Johansson	496	101.5
47	Luke Withey	435	96.2
48	Bex Thompson	428	95.9
49	Talha Gulzar	422	95.3
50	Katie Trevelyan	395	93.3
51	Duncan Carter	394	93.1
52	Emma Robinson	392	93
53	Michael Johnson	386	92.6
54	Kester Young	383	92.3
55	Jennifer Jackson	357	90.9
56	Claire Herbert	351	90.2
57	Paul Landreth	348	90
58	Amrita Dasgupta	335	88.4
59	Luke Vickers	329	88.1
60	Bryan Gardner	325	87.4
61	Kim Metcalf	308	86.5
62	William Rose	301	85.9
63	James Saxton	284	84.8
64	Emma Hawthorne	277	83.8
65	Ben Doran	274	83.6
66	Neil Kennedy	266	83.1
67	Lance Havell	253	81.8
68	Charlotte Adshead	247	81.1
69	Mel Wilson	247	80.9
70	Steve Higginbottom	240	80.1

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
71	Bailey Coe	238	79.8
72	Peter Adshead	231	79.2
73	Brendan O'Connor	216	77.7
74	Kelly Winter	212	77.1
75	Marcos Abreu	198	75.6
76	James Milligan	171	72.4
77	Stephen Kilgannon	169	72
78	Dale Walmsley	168	71.8
79	Usman Asif	164	71.3
80	Eddie Hopkins	162	71.2
81	Max Mauchline	156	70.5
82	Craig Moran	152	70.1
83	Toni Johnson	149	69.8
84	Rob Walker	141	69.1
85	Mike Common	127	66.8
86	Jonathan Hugh	117	65.3
87	Indleeb Rehman	111	64.6
88	Mike Booth	107	64.2
89	Graham Hutchings	105	63.9
90	James Yacoub	105	63.8
91	Matt Allen	95	62.9
92	James Gardner	91	62.4
93	Peter Norman	72	58.3
94	John Hope	71	58.2
95	Ben Hall	59	54.7
96	Owen Adams	34	42.9
97	George Orton	24	37.3
98	Daren Goodall	16	34
99	Sarah Abraham	15	32.1
100	Stuart Briely	13	30.5
101	Tim Barlow	12	30
102	Charlotte White	12	29.9
103	Dan Chapman	6	25.4
104	Mark Warnes	6	24.7
105	George Metcalf	0	9