

Bulletin 7 – 28 May 2021

Welcome to the final bulletin of the Monkey League 2020/21 season.

Winners and losers

There will be plenty of claret (and blue) flowing as West Ham United held off Aston Villa to be crowned Monkey Premier League 2020/21 champions. The Irons have surpassed all expectations this season, only narrowly missing out on playing Champions League football next season. Premier League champions Manchester City only managed to finish middle of the pack in 9th place. After being crowned Monkey League Champions last season, Sheffield United suffered second season syndrome, and have finished bottom of the pack, sparing Liverpool's blushes.

Despite having a nil handicap, Norwich City take home the Monkey League Championship title, finishing 3 points ahead of Barnsley who have had a very successful year, just missing out on a playoff final place to Swansea. Derby County may have managed to avoid relegation to League One on a dramatic final day of the season, but they didn't manage avoid ending up in last place in the Monkey League table.

League One champions Hull City have just done enough to also win the much more prestigious Monkey League One trophy. The Tigers finished 3 points above Lincoln City who have done far better than predicted and set up a playoff final against Blackpool this Sunday. Bookies favourites for the season Sunderland, finished up in the bottom half of the Monkey League table. No surprise that Bristol Rovers finished up in last place, well behind Wigan Athletic who managed to avoid relegation despite losing their final 2 matches.

Despite the bookies predicting they would finish in last place in League Two, Morecambe exceeded all expectations and are crowned Monkey League Two champions. The Shrimps narrowly missed out on an automatic promotion place to Bolton and Cambridge on the final day of the season, but have a chance to make amends in Monday's playoff final at Wembley. Bolton were the bookies favourites this year and finished in 9th place despite securing promotion back to League One.

The Monkey League results

Congratulations to **Josh Allison** who held off **Jon Wilkes** to be crowned our Monkey League 20/21 Champion. At the last moment, **Mel Wilson** threw away the chance to take home the coveted wooden spoon. This year, that honour goes to **Steve Kilgannon**. Huge congratulations to Josh and Steve – trophies and prizes will be on their way soon.

Special thanks to the brains behind the Monkey League, Colin Freeman, for once again crunching the numbers and doing all the hard work!

Question of the week

Last time, we asked you to name the top Premier League goal scorer from each of the following countries (the goals scored by each player are in brackets). The correct answers are:

Nationality	Leading scorer	Nationality	Leading scorer
Algeria (61)	Riyad Mahrez	Bulgaria (94)	Dimitar Berbatov
Argentina (180)	Sergio Aguero	Chile (63)	Alexis Sanchez
Australia (92)	Mark Viduka	Czech Republic (38)	Patrik Berger
Belgium (113)	Romelu Lukaku	Denmark (51)	Christian Eriksen
Brazil (62)	Roberto Firmino	DR Congo (24)	Lomana LuaLua

Finally, a big thanks to everyone for taking part in the Monkey League this year! Don't forget to submit your entry to the Euro 20 Monkey League by 9th June.

James Allen

Monkey League Handicap tables

Handicap Tables as at 24 May 2021

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 West Ham	38	65	42.0	107.0
2 Aston Villa	38	55	50.0	105.0
3 Leeds	38	59	42.0	101.0
4 Leicester	38	66	32.0	98.0
5 Everton	38	59	36.0	95.0
6 Newcastle	38	45	48.0	93.0
7 Crystal Palace	38	44	48.0	92.0
8 Man Utd	38	74	16.0	90.0
9 Man City	38	86	0.0	86.0
10 Tottenham	38	62	24.0	86.0
11 Arsenal	38	61	24.0	85.0
12 Brighton	38	41	44.0	85.0
13 Burnley	38	39	46.0	85.0
14 Chelsea	38	67	16.0	83.0
15 Fulham	38	28	54.0	82.0
16 Southampton	38	43	38.0	81.0
17 West Brom	38	26	52.0	78.0
18 Wolves	38	45	30.0	75.0
19 Liverpool	38	69	2.0	71.0
20 Sheffield United	38	23	44.0	67.0

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Norwich City	46	97	0.0	97.0
2 Barnsley	46	78	16.0	94.0
3 Watford	46	91	1.0	92.0
4 Swansea City	46	80	9.0	89.0
5 Brentford	46	87	1.0	88.0
6 Reading	46	70	18.0	88.0
7 QPR	46	68	18.0	86.0
8 Bournemouth	46	77	5.0	82.0
9 Luton Town	46	62	20.0	82.0
10 Cardiff City	46	68	9.0	77.0
11 Middlesbrough	46	64	11.0	75.0
12 Millwall	46	62	12.0	74.0
13 Coventry City	46	55	18.0	73.0
14 Preston	46	61	12.0	73.0
15 Blackburn Rovers	46	57	14.0	71.0
16 Wycombe	46	43	28.0	71.0
17 Birmingham City	46	52	18.0	70.0
18 Rotherham	46	42	26.0	68.0
19 Sheffield Wednesday	46	41	26.0	67.0
20 Stoke City	46	60	7.0	67.0
21 Bristol City	46	51	14.0	65.0
22 Huddersfield Town	46	49	14.0	63.0
23 Nottingham Forest	46	52	9.0	61.0
24 Derby County	46	44	11.0	55.0

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Hull City	46	89	5.0	94.0
2 Lincoln City	46	77	14.0	91.0
3 Peterborough	46	87	3.0	90.0
4 Accrington Stanley	46	67	22.0	89.0
5 Blackpool	46	80	9.0	89.0
6 Crewe Alexandra	46	66	18.0	84.0
7 Gillingham	46	67	16.0	83.0
8 MK Dons	46	65	16.0	81.0
9 Charlton Athletic	46	74	6.0	80.0
10 Oxford Utd	46	74	5.0	79.0
11 Doncaster Rovers	46	64	14.0	78.0
12 AFC Wimbledon	46	51	26.0	77.0
13 Sunderland	46	77	0.0	77.0
14 Shrewsbury Town	46	54	22.0	76.0
15 Burton Albion	46	57	18.0	75.0
16 Rochdale	46	47	28.0	75.0
17 Portsmouth	46	72	2.0	74.0
18 Ipswich Town	46	69	3.0	72.0
19 Plymouth Argyle	46	53	18.0	71.0
20 Fleetwood Town	46	60	9.0	69.0
21 Northampton Town	46	45	22.0	67.0
22 Swindon Town	46	43	16.0	59.0
23 Wigan Athletic	46	48	9.0	57.0
24 Bristol Rovers	46	38	9.0	47.0

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Morecambe	46	78	26.0	104.0
2 Cambridge Utd	46	80	16.0	96.0
3 Cheltenham Town	46	82	9.0	91.0
4 Newport County	46	73	15.0	88.0
5 Forest Green Rovers	46	73	11.0	84.0
6 Carlisle	46	66	16.0	82.0
7 Stevenage	46	60	22.0	82.0
8 Bolton Wanderers	46	79	0.0	79.0
9 Crawley Town	46	61	18.0	79.0
10 Exeter	46	70	9.0	79.0
11 Tranmere Rovers	46	73	5.0	78.0
12 Leyton Orient	46	61	15.0	76.0
13 Harrogate Town	46	57	18.0	75.0
14 Oldham Athletic	46	54	20.0	74.0
15 Salford City	46	71	2.0	73.0
16 Port Vale	46	60	11.0	71.0
17 Barrow	46	50	20.0	70.0
18 Bradford City	46	59	8.0	67.0
19 Colchester Utd	46	51	15.0	66.0
20 Walsall	46	53	13.0	66.0
21 Mansfield Town	46	58	5.0	63.0
22 Scunthorpe Utd	46	48	15.0	63.0
23 Southend Utd	46	45	16.0	61.0
24 Grimsby Town	46	43	16.0	59.0

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	Josh Allison*	994	285.7
2	Jon Wilkes*	991	272.0
3	Chas Goddard*****	989	264.8
4	Marcus Johansson*****	974	242.1
5	Sharon Royston**	970	238.6
6	Claire Herbert	964	230.5
7	Andrew Grant**	962	229.3
8	Aaron Love*****	935	212.1
9	Craig Hornsby*	933	210.7
10	Gary Symons***	926	206.4
11	Keith Williams*****	905	196.4
12	Matt Such*****	903	195.6
13	Kay Williamson*****	902	195.6
14	Stuart Briely*****	899	194.8
15	Robin Holderness*****	894	192.5
16	Daniel Sirl**	865	184.1
17	Abi Lee	856	179.7
18	Natalie Ogden*****	851	178.1
19	Ian Constable*****	818	166.8
20	James Allen*****	804	164.1
21	Alex Balchin	799	163.1
22	Alan Smith*****	789	159.5
23	Nick Saxton**	788	158.5
24	Craig Walker*****	775	156.2
25	Greg Roberts	769	154.6
26	Lesley Denny*****	766	153.9
27	Philip Leary**	761	152.6
28	Katie Sutton**	747	149.6
29	Dan Jinks*****	741	148.7
30	Lucy Mearns	727	144.8
31	Tim Jones*****	716	143.1
32	Andy Hall*****	709	141.6
33	Henry Tapper*****	707	140.8
34	John Stock*	676	135.5
35	Benjamin Robinson	669	134.7
36	Ben Law*	668	134.4
37	Lance Havell*****	662	132.1

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
38	Kapil Sheth**	655	130.0
39	James Gardner**	614	122.2
40	Tony Barnard*****	558	113.3
41	Mark Riches*****	551	112.1
42	Manjula Satheesan*****	549	111.9
43	Eddie Hopkins*****	532	108.4
44	John McLeod	532	108.3
45	Ruth Flory*	530	107.4
46	Matthew Allen**	516	104.8
47	Amrita Dasgupta***	515	104.7
48	Rob Young***	511	104.0
49	Paul Landreth*****	503	102.4
50	Emma Robinson*****	503	102.4
51	Kester Young*****	486	99.3
52	Philip Mann*****	449	94.5
53	Jane Carrington*	448	93.8
54	Colin Freeman*****	434	90.9
55	Oliver Nicholls**	430	89.5
56	John Small*****	418	87.9
57	Steve Higginbottom*****	416	87.3
58	Peter Lambert	406	84.1
59	Jack Presswell**	384	80.6
60	Ian Walker**	361	76.2
61	Brendan O'Connor*****	349	73.5
62	Wendy Ludman*****	344	72.8
63	Amy Friel**	343	72.7
64	Kenny Wardhaugh	320	69.0
65	Chris Schofield	311	67.4
66	Simon Redfern*****	309	66.9
67	Becky Thompson*****	298	62.9
68	Craig Moran*****	289	60.8
69	James Smith*****	287	59.5
70	George Kirrin*****	287	59.4
71	Neil Kennedy*****	277	56.7
72	Derek Allen**	274	56.3
73	Rachel Coe****	270	55.3
74	Scott Harrison*****	263	54.1
75	Andrew Pritchard*****	262	53.5

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
76	Zoe Sadler	250	51.3
77	Roger Arnold*****	247	50.6
78	John Hope*****	236	48.4
79	Andy Yates*****	236	48.2
80	Darren Goodall*****	236	48.1
81	Mark Warnes*****	235	47.7
82	Sean Delaney*****	233	46.6
83	Max Mauchline*****	226	45.3
84	Micah Derbyshire**	205	41.0
85	Sarah Bartlett	193	37.7
86	Paul Marriott*****	191	36.6
87	Dean Hornsby**	190	35.9
88	Toni Johnson*****	180	32.3
89	Neil Kempshall*	174	30.3
90	Dan Chapman	162	25.4
91	Helen Butters*****	158	24.9
92	Peter Norman*****	148	19.6
93	George Bilsby****	139	15.5
94	Ben Doran*	130	13.2
95	Adam Steele	127	12.2
96	Alan Fox	114	8.8
97	Jenny Mahtani***	113	8.4
98	Mike Booth*****	113	8.3
99	Jane Boorman*****	103	5.4
100	Dale Walmsley*****	96	2.3
101	Rob Hammond*****	90	-0.1
102	Andy Illingworth*	82	-2.3
103	Paul Devine*****	80	-3.8
104	Duncan Carter*****	65	-12.7
105	Simon Holderness*****	64	-15.5
106	Mike Common	56	-18.2
107	Frasier Kings*	53	-20.1
108	Jacobina Norris***	43	-25.4
109	Stan Hutchinson*****	40	-27.8
110	Charlotte White*	33	-38.0
111	Tim Poil*****	17	-54.8
112	Tim Barlow*****	7	-72.9
113	Matthew Ward***	7	-78.1



Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
114	Mel Wilson****	2	-107.0
115	Stephen Kilgannon****	1	-118.0