

Bulletin 1 – 22 October 2021

Welcome to the first bulletin of the Monkey League 2021/22 season.

Winners and losers

Brighton are the early birds catching worms points at the start of the Premier League season to occupy top spot in the Monkey Premier League. The Seagulls have lost just once in their opening eight games. Brentford have also kicked off their maiden Premier League season with a solid start, putting in strong performances against Premier League main stayers so far this season. If the Seagulls were early, then the Magpies were definitely late to catching points. Manager-less Newcastle United have been subject to the highly precedented Saudi take over recently, but have a lot of work to do this season before making any extravagant plans beyond.

Bournemouth are flying high in the Monkey League Championship, just ahead of Coventry City and Huddersfield Town. Along with Liverpool, The Cherries remain the only unbeaten side in English league football so far this season. It's no surprise to see Derby County at the bottom of the Monkey League Championship following their 12-point deduction for going in to administration. The Rams are clawing their way back with Barnsley and Cardiff not far above them.

Plymouth Argyle lead Monkey League One having not lost since the opening day of the season. Wycombe Wanderers and Wigan Athletic have also made strong starts to the season to be on the tails of the Green Army. Charlton Athletic and Doncaster Rovers are joint bottom but Rovers have played one game less.

More green at the top of Monkey League Two as Forest Green Rovers lead Harrogate Town and Sutton United. Mansfield Town prop up the table having won just twice this season – their opening two fixtures. Carlisle United and Scunthorpe United lie just above with similarly disappointing runs of form.

The Monkey League results

Newcomer **Luke Withey** leads in front of Monkey League veterans **John Small**, **Craig Walker** and **Dale Walmsley**, beating 998 monkeys in the process.

Favourite for the wooden spoon so far this season is **Chris Schofield**, who managed to beat just 10 monkeys.

Quote of the week

'We can't accept it' suggests Arsenal boss Mikel Arteta about the abuse that managers receive when they are in the job following Steve Bruce's departure at Newcastle United earlier this week.

Question of the week

Steve Bruce's final game at Newcastle was his 1000th game in charge, joining an elite group of only 15 other managers to have managed 1000 or more games (with at least one of those games in the English top-flight)

We want to know if you can name the only other manager from that group to have a lower win ratio than Bruce's 37.6%?

And a bonus mark if you can also name the special manager with the highest win ratio.

Neil Kennedy

Monkey League Handicap tables

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Brighton	8	15	6.7	21.7
2 Brentford	8	12	9.1	21.1
3 Chelsea	8	19	1.5	20.5
4 West Ham	8	14	6.1	20.1
5 Everton	8	14	5.5	19.5
6 Liverpool	8	18	1.5	19.5
7 Wolves	8	12	7.2	19.2
8 Tottenham	8	15	3.8	18.8
9 Man City	8	17	0.0	17.0
10 Watford	8	7	9.3	16.3
11 Aston Villa	8	10	5.9	15.9
12 Man United	8	14	1.7	15.7
13 Leicester	8	11	4.4	15.4
14 Crystal Palace	7	7	7.4	14.4
15 Southampton	8	7	7.4	14.4
16 Arsenal	7	10	3.5	13.5
17 Leeds	8	6	5.9	11.9
18 Norwich	8	2	9.7	11.7
19 Burnley	8	3	8.4	11.4
20 Newcastle	8	3	8.2	11.2

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Bournemouth	12	28	2.1	30.1
2 Coventry	12	23	6.3	29.3
3 Huddersfield	12	20	7.3	27.3
4 West Brom	12	25	1.0	26.0
5 Reading	12	19	5.2	24.2
6 Stoke	12	21	3.1	24.1
7 Fulham	12	23	0.0	23.0
8 QPR	12	18	4.7	22.7
9 Blackpool	12	15	7.3	22.3
10 Luton Town	12	17	5.2	22.2
11 Bristol City	12	16	5.2	21.2
12 Blackburn Rovers	12	17	4.2	21.2
13 Millwall	12	15	5.2	20.2
14 Birmingham	12	12	6.3	18.3
15 Middlesbrough	12	15	3.1	18.1
16 Preston	12	12	5.7	17.7
17 Swansea	12	14	3.7	17.7
18 Nottingham Forest	12	14	3.1	17.1
19 Sheffield United	12	15	1.0	16.0
20 Peterborough	12	8	7.3	15.3
21 Hull	12	9	6.3	15.3
22 Cardiff City	12	11	2.6	13.6
23 Barnsley	12	8	4.2	12.2
24 Derby	12	3	6.3	9.3

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Plymouth Argyle	13	26	4.8	30.8
2 Wycombe	12	26	3.1	29.1
3 Wigan Athletic	11	25	1.2	26.2
4 Rotherham	12	23	2.1	25.1
5 Sunderland	11	25	0.0	25.0
6 Burton Albion	13	19	4.5	23.5
7 MK Dons	12	19	2.6	21.6
8 Morecambe	12	14	7.6	21.6
9 Cheltenham	12	15	6.5	21.5
10 Accrington Stanley	12	16	5.5	21.5
11 Oxford United	12	18	2.6	20.6
12 Bolton	13	18	2.5	20.5
13 AFC Wimbledon	12	14	6.3	20.3
14 Cambridge United	11	14	6.2	20.2
15 Sheffield Wednesday	12	19	1.0	20.0
16 Fleetwood Town	11	13	4.3	17.3
17 Lincoln City	12	15	2.1	17.1
18 Gillingham	13	11	5.7	16.7
19 Portsmouth	12	15	1.3	16.3
20 Shrewsbury Town	13	11	5.1	16.1
21 Ipswich Town	12	14	0.5	14.5
22 Crewe Alexandra	12	8	4.7	12.7
23 Doncaster Rovers	11	7	3.6	10.6
24 Charlton Athletic	12	9	1.6	10.6

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Forest Green Rovers	12	26	2.1	28.1
2 Harrogate Town	12	22	4.2	26.2
3 Sutton United	11	20	5.7	25.7
4 Swindon	12	20	4.2	24.2
5 Port Vale	12	21	2.6	23.6
6 Tranmere	12	21	2.6	23.6
7 Crawley Town	12	17	5.2	22.2
8 Hartlepool	12	17	5.2	22.2
9 Barrow	12	16	5.7	21.7
10 Northampton	12	18	2.6	20.6
11 Leyton Orient	12	18	1.8	19.8
12 Newport County	12	16	3.4	19.4
13 Exeter	12	17	2.1	19.1
14 Bradford City	12	17	1.3	18.3
15 Stevenage	12	13	5.2	18.2
16 Walsall	12	13	3.9	16.9
17 Rochdale	12	13	3.4	16.4
18 Colchester Utd	11	13	3.1	16.1
19 Oldham Athletic	12	11	4.7	15.7
20 Bristol Rovers	12	14	1.6	15.6
21 Salford City	12	15	0.0	15.0
22 Scunthorpe	12	7	5.7	12.7
23 Carlisle	12	10	2.6	12.6
24 Mansfield	12	10	1.6	11.6

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	Luke Withey	998	190.7
2	John Small*****	998	180.9
3	Craig Walker*****	983	169.8
4	Dale Walmsley*****	983	168.9
5	Marcos Abreu*	983	168.0
6	Ryan Phagurey	973	160.7
7	Paul Landreth*****	973	159.9
8	James Allen*****	971	159.0
9	Julian Hope	959	154.5
10	Greg Roberts*	950	151.2
11	Matt Such*****	950	150.9
12	Paul Marriott*****	943	149.0
13	Daniel Sirl***	939	147.6
14	Andrew Pritchard*****	931	144.8
15	James Gardner***	928	144.2
16	Andrew Grant***	919	143.0
17	Becky Thompson*****	919	143.0
18	James Smith*****	911	141.5
19	Doug Huggins**	894	139.9
20	Michael O'Donnell	882	137.6
21	Philip Leary***	882	137.5
22	Chris Chivers*****	875	136.0
23	Jonathan Hugh****	873	135.9
24	Chas Goddard*****	871	135.6
25	Kenneth Wardhaugh*	867	134.7
26	Jon Wilkes**	860	133.9
27	Lance Havell*****	860	133.7
28	Ella Hy	855	132.3
29	Caroline Parker*****	840	130.7
30	Robin Holderness*****	833	129.7
31	Michael Savidge	824	128.1
32	Helen Butters*****	824	128.0

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
33	Rob Hurst	821	127.5
34	Gary Symons****	811	126.6
35	Jennifer Jackson*	809	126.1
36	Andy Hall*****	790	124.4
37	Kapil Sheth***	787	124.3
38	Andy Smyth	787	124.2
39	Marcus Johansson*****	775	122.8
40	Andy Illingworth**	771	122.7
41	Alex Balchin*	766	122.1
42	Henry Tapper*****	758	121.6
43	Scott Harrison*****	757	121.5
44	Tim Barlow*****	727	118.6
45	Jack Presswell***	722	118.2
46	Freya Toovey	718	117.8
47	Martin Blades*****	713	117.3
48	Ian Constable*****	711	117.2
49	Derek Allen***	706	116.6
50	Kester Young*****	702	116.2
51	Darren Goodall*****	699	115.8
52	Emma Robinson*****	696	115.5
53	Matthew Ward****	689	115.2
54	Sean Delaney*****	688	115.1
55	Nick Saxton***	683	114.4
56	Benjamin Robinson*	681	114.2
57	Joe Pilcher	675	113.8
58	Aaron Love*****	674	113.8
59	Ben Law**	657	112.4
60	Jane Carrington**	648	111.8
61	Mark Warnes*****	647	111.6
62	Graham Hutchings*	647	111.6
63	George Kirrin*****	637	110.5
64	Roger Arnold*****	626	109.7
65	Oliver Nicholls***	583	106.9
66	Tim Jones*****	573	106.2

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
67	Henry Grant	571	106.1
68	John McLeod*	567	105.7
69	Wendy Ludman*****	542	104.0
70	Sharon Royston***	468	99.1
71	Stephen Kilgannon*****	468	98.9
72	Lauren Coulthard**	464	98.7
73	Emma Lann	463	98.6
74	Anushka Patel	459	98.1
75	Kay Williamson*****	455	97.8
76	Tim Poil*****	449	96.7
77	Neil Kennedy*****	432	95.6
78	Jacobina Norris****	412	94.1
79	Amrita Dasgupta****	410	93.9
80	Max Mauchline*****	404	93.5
81	Stan Hutchinson*****	403	93.4
82	Jacob Smith	398	93.0
83	Sandra Young*	388	92.4
84	Tony Barnard*****	384	92.1
85	Manjula Satheesan*****	373	91.5
86	Keith Williams*****	370	91.4
87	Patrick Goudard	365	90.9
88	Simon Redfern*****	357	90.4
89	Dan Chapman*	351	89.8
90	Duncan Carter*****	350	89.5
91	Mike Booth*****	342	88.9
92	Abi Lee*	338	88.7
93	Mel Wilson*****	330	87.8
94	Rob Young****	322	86.8
95	Paul Devine*****	321	86.7
96	Ben Doran**	321	86.7
97	Simon Holderness*****	307	85.2
98	Zoe Sadler*	295	84.8
99	Stuart Briely*****	295	84.7
100	Mike Common*	276	83.2

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
101	Brendan O'Connor*****	271	82.9
102	Peter Norman*****	269	82.6
103	Saif Sadiq	269	82.6
104	Adam Steele*	248	80.7
105	Colin Freeman*****	243	80.2
106	John Hope*****	227	78.5
107	John Stock**	191	74.0
108	Frasier Kings**	188	73.6
109	Indleeb Rehman***	173	72.3
110	Toni Johnson*****	117	63.6
111	Talha Gulzar	89	59.1
112	Charlotte White**	42	49.8
113	Chris Schofield*	10	33.3