

Bulletin 2 – 26 November 2021

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

Winners and losers

Plenty of change in the Premier League since our last bulletin – Nuno Espirito Santo, Daniel Farke, Dean Smith and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer have all been sacked, taking the total up to 6 for the season. Dean Smith has already found himself a new job at Norwich, and back-to-back wins sees them move away from the bottom of the Monkey League Table. At the top of the table, the purple patches for early frontrunners Brighton and Brentford came to an end and the slip into mid-table. They are replaced at the top by high-flying West Ham, followed closely by title contenders Chelsea. Newcastle United remain rooted to the bottom of the table, joined by fellow strugglers Manchester United.

Despite Fulham putting together a seven-match winning streak, Bournemouth continue to lead the Monkey League Championship. Coventry City have continued their good start to the season, and combined with a generous handicap are less than a point behind Fulham. Following another points deduction for some creative accounting, it's no surprise to see Derby County well adrift at the bottom of the table. As this point deduction took place during the season, there is no adjustment to the handicaps and is considered part of the game. Bad luck to the 8 players who picked them to overperform.

Not much change at the top of Monkey League One, as Plymouth sit in top spot, just ahead of Wycombe Wanderers. Rotherham United have extended their unbeaten run to 12 games and are not far behind in third place. Doncaster Rovers have continue their less than impressive form and prop up the table.

Forest Green Rovers hold onto first place in Monkey League Two, holding off Exeter City after they won six games on the spin. Three wins in a row was more than enough to lift Mansfield Town of the bottom of the table and out of the relegation places. Carlisle United replace the Stags in last place, as they have failed to pick up a win in their last 12 League Two games.

The Monkey League results

Last time's leader **Luke Withey** has been knocked off the top of the Monkey League Table by **John Small**, both beating an impressive 1,000 monkeys in the process (with John just ahead on points). **Chris Schofield** continues to be our early frontrunner for this year's wooden spoon.

Our most improved player since last time is **Steve Kilgannon**, climbing a massive 54 places up to the dizzy heights of 17th place. Going in the other direction, **Freya Toovey** falls 53 places down to 99th.

Quote of the week

'We don't know what to do with the ball' said Manchester United goalkeeper David De Gea after their defeat at Watford. This result was the final nail in the coffin for Solskjaer who lost his job the following morning.

Question of the week

Last time round, Steve Bruce had just managed his 1000th game in charge, joining 15 others to have managed 1000 or more games (with at least one of those games in the English top-flight). We asked if you could name the only other manager from that group to have a lower win ratio than Bruce's 37.6%.

The answer was Tony Pulis, winning 36.1% from 1,137 games. The highest, for those wondering, was Jose Mourinho winning 63.8% of 1,001 games (correct at the time of writing the question!)

Ajax, Bayern Munich and Liverpool all have chance to qualify from the Champions League Group Stage with a 100% record. This week, can you tell us how many times has this been done previously, and by which teams?

James Allen

Monkey League Handicap tables

Handicap Tables as at 22 Nov 2021

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 West Ham	12	23	9.2	32.2
2 Chelsea	12	29	2.2	31.2
3 Wolves	12	19	10.7	29.7
4 Crystal Palace	12	16	12.6	28.6
5 Liverpool	12	25	2.2	27.2
6 Brighton	12	17	10.1	27.1
7 Watford	12	13	13.9	26.9
8 Brentford	12	13	13.6	26.6
9 Arsenal	12	20	6.0	26.0
10 Man City	12	26	0.0	26.0
11 Southampton	12	14	11.1	25.1
12 Tottenham	12	19	5.7	24.7
13 Everton	12	15	8.2	23.2
14 Norwich	12	8	14.5	22.5
15 Aston Villa	12	13	8.8	21.8
16 Burnley	12	9	12.6	21.6
17 Leicester	12	15	6.6	21.6
18 Leeds	12	11	8.8	19.8
19 Man United	12	17	2.5	19.5
20 Newcastle	12	6	12.3	18.3

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Bournemouth	18	40	3.1	43.1
2 Fulham	18	41	0.0	41.0
3 Coventry	18	31	9.4	40.4
4 Huddersfield	18	28	11.0	39.0
5 Blackpool	18	26	11.0	37.0
6 QPR	18	29	7.0	36.0
7 Stoke	18	31	4.7	35.7
8 Millwall	18	26	7.8	33.8
9 West Brom	18	32	1.6	33.6
10 Blackburn Rovers	18	27	6.3	33.3
11 Luton Town	18	24	7.8	31.8
12 Birmingham	18	22	9.4	31.4
13 Preston	18	21	8.6	29.6
14 Swansea	18	24	5.5	29.5
15 Bristol City	18	20	7.8	27.8
16 Middlesbrough	18	23	4.7	27.7
17 Nottingham Forest	18	23	4.7	27.7
18 Peterborough	18	15	11.0	26.0
19 Reading	18	17	7.8	24.8
20 Hull	18	15	9.4	24.4
21 Cardiff City	18	18	3.9	21.9
22 Sheffield United	18	20	1.6	21.6
23 Barnsley	18	11	6.3	17.3
24 Derby	18	0	9.4	9.4

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Plymouth Argyle	18	36	6.7	42.7
2 Wycombe	18	34	4.7	38.7
3 Rotherham	17	34	3.0	37.0
4 Wigan Athletic	16	34	1.7	35.7
5 MK Dons	17	31	3.7	34.7
6 Cheltenham	17	23	9.2	32.2
7 Cambridge United	18	22	10.2	32.2
8 Oxford United	16	28	3.5	31.5
9 Sunderland	16	31	0.0	31.0
10 Sheffield Wednesday	18	29	1.6	30.6
11 Accrington Stanley	17	21	7.8	28.8
12 Morecambe	17	18	10.7	28.7
13 Burton Albion	18	22	6.3	28.3
14 Portsmouth	18	26	2.0	28.0
15 Bolton	18	22	3.5	25.5
16 AFC Wimbledon	16	17	8.3	25.3
17 Gillingham	18	17	7.8	24.8
18 Ipswich Town	18	24	0.8	24.8
19 Charlton Athletic	18	22	2.3	24.3
20 Lincoln City	17	21	3.0	24.0
21 Shrewsbury Town	17	15	6.7	21.7
22 Fleetwood Town	16	14	6.3	20.3
23 Crewe Alexandra	18	12	7.0	19.0
24 Doncaster Rovers	17	13	5.5	18.5

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Forest Green Rovers	16	34	2.8	36.8
2 Exeter	17	32	3.0	35.0
3 Sutton United	17	26	8.9	34.9
4 Swindon	16	29	5.6	34.6
5 Port Vale	17	29	3.7	32.7
6 Harrogate Town	17	26	5.9	31.9
7 Northampton	17	28	3.7	31.7
8 Newport County	17	26	4.8	30.8
9 Hartlepool	17	23	7.4	30.4
10 Leyton Orient	17	27	2.6	29.6
11 Barrow	17	19	8.1	27.1
12 Crawley Town	16	20	7.0	27.0
13 Rochdale	17	22	4.8	26.8
14 Tranmere	17	23	3.7	26.7
15 Walsall	17	21	5.5	26.5
16 Bradford City	17	23	1.8	24.8
17 Stevenage	17	17	7.4	24.4
18 Bristol Rovers	17	22	2.2	24.2
19 Mansfield	17	20	2.2	22.2
20 Oldham Athletic	17	15	6.7	21.7
21 Colchester Utd	16	17	4.5	21.5
22 Scunthorpe	17	12	8.1	20.1
23 Salford City	17	20	0.0	20.0
24 Carlisle	17	13	3.7	16.7

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	John Small*****	1,000	260.3
2	Luke Withey	1,000	249.5
3	James Gardner***	993	199.7
4	Ryan Phagurey	993	197.7
5	Craig Walker*****	984	186.6
6	Paul Marriott*****	982	181.6
7	Jonathan Hugh****	980	179.6
8	Julian Hope	980	178.6
9	Daniel Sirl***	973	175.2
10	Marcos Abreu*	966	171.2
11	Andrew Pritchard*****	965	170.4
12	Jon Wilkes**	965	170.2
13	Dale Walmsley*****	961	169.1
14	James Allen*****	951	164.5
15	Gary Symons****	948	162.8
16	Michael O'Donnell	947	162.6
17	Stephen Kilgannon*****	942	161.2
18	Helen Butters*****	940	160.3
19	Lance Havell*****	939	160.0
20	Matt Such*****	936	159.2
21	Robin Holderness*****	920	156.3
22	Doug Huggins**	914	153.9
23	Paul Landreth*****	910	152.5
24	Benjamin Robinson*	896	150.5
25	Emma Robinson*****	895	149.8
26	Rob Hurst	882	147.2
27	Caroline Parker*****	882	147.1
28	Nick Saxton***	870	145.5
29	Andrew Grant***	869	144.9
30	Tim Barlow*****	861	144.0
31	Henry Grant	851	142.4
32	Becky Thompson*****	848	140.4
33	Chris Chivers*****	843	139.8
34	Philip Leary***	836	138.7

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Kester Young*****	829	137.4
36	Marcus Johansson*****	816	135.5
37	John McLeod*	780	132.2
38	Ian Constable*****	775	131.6
39	James Smith*****	769	130.4
40	Graham Hutchings*	763	128.1
41	Joe Pilcher	733	124.9
42	Andy Smyth	733	124.9
43	Ben Doran**	731	124.8
44	Paul Devine*****	718	123.5
45	Dan Chapman*	701	121.4
46	Henry Tapper*****	701	121.2
47	Michael Savidge	698	120.8
48	Kapil Sheth***	696	120.6
49	Abi Lee*	685	119.7
50	Sean Delaney*****	681	119.3
51	Darren Goodall*****	674	118.7
52	Chas Goddard*****	674	118.7
53	Kenneth Wardhaugh*	672	118.5
54	Andy Hall*****	663	117.9
55	Ella Hy	662	117.8
56	Alex Balchin*	649	117.0
57	Jane Carrington**	645	116.7
58	Derek Allen***	644	116.5
59	Peter Norman*****	637	116.3
60	Greg Roberts*	629	115.3
61	Jennifer Jackson*	625	115.0
62	Matthew Ward****	608	113.7
63	Tim Poil*****	600	112.8
64	Martin Blades*****	597	112.6
65	Roger Arnold*****	584	111.3
66	Sandra Young*	583	111.2
67	Stuart Briely*****	575	110.0
68	Tony Barnard*****	559	108.2
69	Jacob Smith	537	105.9

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
70	Wendy Ludman*****	505	103.4
71	Mel Wilson*****	477	100.0
72	Jack Presswell***	456	97.6
73	Andy Illingworth**	454	97.3
74	Max Mauchline*****	440	95.4
75	Keith Williams*****	435	95.1
76	Stan Hutchinson*****	430	94.8
77	Mike Common*	418	94.1
78	Amrita Dasgupta****	412	93.1
79	Indleeb Rehman***	400	92.0
80	Emma Lann	396	91.8
81	Aaron Love*****	396	91.8
82	Tim Jones*****	392	91.0
83	Toni Johnson*****	390	90.3
84	Oliver Nicholls***	390	90.2
85	Patrick Goudard	380	89.8
86	Neil Kennedy*****	369	88.8
87	Anushka Patel	333	84.8
88	Simon Redfern*****	329	84.4
89	George Kirrin*****	327	84.2
90	Jacobina Norris****	316	82.7
91	Sharon Royston***	298	80.8
92	Scott Harrison*****	271	78.8
93	Saif Sadiq	267	78.4
94	Mark Warnes*****	264	78.2
95	Mike Booth*****	242	75.9
96	Manjula Satheesan*****	219	73.0
97	Colin Freeman*****	214	72.6
98	Zoe Sadler*	202	71.2
99	Freya Toovey	193	70.0
100	Lauren Coulthard**	181	68.5
101	Adam Steele*	137	60.7
102	Ben Law**	118	56.9
103	Rob Young****	118	56.6
104	Frasier Kings**	112	54.9



Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
105	John Hope*****	105	53.1
106	Kay Williamson*****	96	51.2
107	Simon Holderness*****	93	50.4
108	Duncan Carter*****	77	46.7
109	Talha Gulzar	64	42.8
110	Charlotte White**	41	32.6
111	John Stock**	38	31.5
112	Brendan O'Connor*****	28	23.5
113	Chris Schofield*	22	18.0