



## Bulletin 3 – 17 December 2021

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

### Winners and losers

Manchester City are on one of their winning runs again with maximum points from the last seven games which is enough to see the Citizens top the Monkey Premier League. This run is a hammer blow to West Ham United who fall into second place, just above Liverpool who are also putting together an ominously good run of form. Despite picking up their first win of the season a couple of weeks ago, Newcastle United remain bottom. The Magpies are joined by fellow strugglers Burnley and Leeds United.

No change at the top of the Monkey League Championship means Bournemouth still top the standings despite no win in five. Blackburn Rovers are enjoying a purple patch (much to James Allen's delight) typified by a 2-0 away victory against leaders Bournemouth. Coventry City complete the top three. At the other end, Derby County languish as you'd expect due to their points deduction. Barnsley are not far ahead with just two wins to their name all season.

Wycombe Wanderers have leap-frogged Plymouth Argyle and Rotherham United to lead Monkey League One. The Chairboys have not lost in five, unlike previous table-toppers Plymouth who are in freefall losing four of their five. A home win against Shrewsbury Town was not enough to lift Doncaster Rovers from the bottom. Crewe Alexandra and Lincoln City complete the bottom three.

Forest Green Rovers continue to impress in Monkey League Two and deservedly still hold onto top spot after not losing since the beginning of October. Northampton Town are in close pursuit following their healthy run of four wins in as many games. Carlisle United have started to turn their form around with two wins in their last three but The Blues remain bottom, beneath two Greater Manchester clubs Salford City and Oldham Athletic.

### The Monkey League results

It seems we have quite the title race on our hands as the lead has exchanged again between **John Small** and **Luke Withey**. Both have beaten 1,000 monkeys but John edges it on points. **Chris Schofield** remains favourite for the wooden spoon beating just 22 monkeys.

Our most improved player since last time is **Jennifer Jackson**, climbing an impressive 39 places up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> place. Going in the other direction, recent Euro 2020 Monkey League winner **Alex Balchin** falls 39 places down to 95<sup>th</sup>.

### Quote of the week

*'I don't see the massive benefit of it [stopping the Premier League] because we come back {and} it is still the same.'* said Liverpool boss Jurgen Klopp ahead of this weekend's fixtures. Klopp has already been outspoken about suggesting people should listen to the experts about the vaccine. There are a number of football matches already postponed due to positive cases of Covid-19.

### Question of the week

Last time round, we wanted to know how many times teams had won all of their group games in the Champions League. Before this season, the answer was seven times by six teams:

- Real Madrid, 11/12 and 14/15
- AC Milan, 92/93
- Paris Saint Germain, 94/95
- Spartak Moscow, 95/96
- Barcelona, 02/03
- Bayern Munich, 19/20

Ajax, Bayern Munich and Liverpool all added to this total this season.



This week Sergio Aguero announced his retirement from the game following diagnosis of cardiac arrhythmia. We would like to know where does he rank in the Premier League's all time top scorers?

**Neil Kennedy**

## Monkey League Handicap tables

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Man City	17	41	0.0	41.0
2 West Ham	16	28	12.2	40.2
3 Liverpool	16	37	2.9	39.9
4 Chelsea	16	36	2.9	38.9
5 Brentford	16	20	18.1	38.1
6 Crystal Palace	16	19	16.8	35.8
7 Wolves	16	21	14.3	35.3
8 Aston Villa	17	22	12.5	34.5
9 Arsenal	16	26	8.0	34.0
10 Brighton	15	20	12.6	32.6
11 Tottenham	14	25	6.6	31.6
12 Watford	16	13	18.5	31.5
13 Leicester	16	22	8.8	30.8
14 Southampton	16	16	14.7	30.7
15 Norwich	17	10	20.6	30.6
16 Man United	16	27	3.4	30.4
17 Everton	16	18	10.9	28.9
18 Leeds	17	16	12.5	28.5
19 Burnley	15	11	15.8	26.8
20 Newcastle	16	10	16.4	26.4

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Bournemouth	22	43	3.8	46.8
2 Blackburn Rovers	22	39	7.7	46.7
3 Coventry	22	34	11.5	45.5
4 Fulham	22	45	0.0	45.0
5 Huddersfield	22	30	13.4	43.4
6 QPR	21	35	8.2	43.2
7 West Brom	22	40	1.9	41.9
8 Stoke	22	35	5.7	40.7
9 Blackpool	22	27	13.4	40.4
10 Millwall	22	30	9.6	39.6
11 Luton Town	22	29	9.6	38.6
12 Preston	22	28	10.5	38.5
13 Birmingham	22	27	11.5	38.5
14 Nottingham Forest	22	31	5.7	36.7
15 Bristol City	22	27	9.6	36.6
16 Middlesbrough	22	30	5.7	35.7
17 Hull	22	23	11.5	34.5
18 Swansea	22	27	6.7	33.7
19 Peterborough	22	19	13.4	32.4
20 Sheffield United	21	29	1.8	30.8
21 Reading	22	21	9.6	30.6
22 Cardiff City	22	22	4.8	26.8
23 Barnsley	22	13	7.7	20.7
24 Derby	22	4	11.5	15.5

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Wycombe	22	42	5.7	47.7
2 Rotherham	21	44	3.7	47.7
3 Plymouth Argyle	22	37	8.1	45.1
4 Wigan Athletic	20	42	2.2	44.2
5 Oxford United	21	39	4.6	43.6
6 Sunderland	21	42	0.0	42.0
7 Accrington Stanley	22	30	10.0	40.0
8 MK Dons	21	35	4.6	39.6
9 Cheltenham	21	28	11.4	39.4
10 Sheffield Wednesday	22	37	1.9	38.9
11 Cambridge United	22	26	12.4	38.4
12 Portsmouth	22	36	2.4	38.4
13 Burton Albion	22	28	7.7	35.7
14 AFC Wimbledon	20	25	10.4	35.4
15 Morecambe	21	19	13.2	32.2
16 Charlton Athletic	22	29	2.9	31.9
17 Bolton	22	26	4.3	30.3
18 Fleetwood Town	21	21	8.2	29.2
19 Ipswich Town	22	28	1.0	29.0
20 Shrewsbury Town	21	19	8.2	27.2
21 Gillingham	22	17	9.6	26.6
22 Lincoln City	21	22	3.7	25.7
23 Crewe Alexandra	22	15	8.6	23.6
24 Doncaster Rovers	21	16	6.8	22.8

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Forest Green Rovers	20	44	3.5	47.5
2 Northampton	21	40	4.6	44.6
3 Sutton United	21	33	11.0	44.0
4 Swindon	20	33	7.0	40.0
5 Newport County	21	34	5.9	39.9
6 Port Vale	21	35	4.6	39.6
7 Harrogate Town	21	30	7.3	37.3
8 Exeter	21	33	3.7	36.7
9 Tranmere	20	32	4.3	36.3
10 Hartlepool	21	27	9.1	36.1
11 Walsall	21	28	6.8	34.8
12 Leyton Orient	21	31	3.2	34.2
13 Crawley Town	20	25	8.7	33.7
14 Mansfield	21	29	2.7	31.7
15 Barrow	20	22	9.6	31.6
16 Rochdale	21	24	5.9	29.9
17 Bristol Rovers	21	26	2.7	28.7
18 Bradford City	21	26	2.3	28.3
19 Stevenage	20	19	8.7	27.7
20 Colchester Utd	20	22	5.7	27.7
21 Scunthorpe	21	16	10.0	26.0
22 Oldham Athletic	21	16	8.2	24.2
23 Salford City	20	24	0.0	24.0
24 Carlisle	21	19	4.6	23.6

## Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	John Small*****	1,000	261.2
2	Luke Withey	1,000	260.8
3	Craig Walker*****	997	225.5
4	James Gardner***	990	211.6
5	Jonathan Hugh****	989	207.5
6	Andrew Pritchard*****	989	207.4
7	Julian Hope	989	203.6
8	Paul Marriott*****	989	203.5
9	Dale Walmsley*****	989	200.8
10	Jon Wilkes**	988	199.8
11	Rob Hurst	982	191.5
12	Daniel Sirl***	981	189.5
13	Ryan Phagurey	979	186.6
14	Marcos Abreu*	975	180.7
15	Matt Such*****	968	175.1
16	Nick Saxton***	960	172.2
17	Lance Havell*****	959	171.6
18	Joe Pilcher	953	168.8
19	James Allen*****	952	168.0
20	Benjamin Robinson*	935	164.6
21	Andrew Grant***	931	163.5
22	Jennifer Jackson*	929	162.3
23	Tim Barlow*****	927	161.4
24	Michael O'Donnell	924	160.3
25	Doug Huggins**	920	159.6
26	Gary Symons****	917	158.4
27	Helen Butters*****	905	156.3
28	Stephen Kilgannon*****	903	155.7
29	Chris Chivers*****	900	154.8
30	Emma Robinson*****	895	153.4
31	Robin Holderness*****	894	153.3
32	Becky Thompson*****	894	153.2
33	Martin Blades*****	889	152.0
34	Andy Smyth	875	149.3

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Henry Grant	872	149.0
36	Andy Illingworth**	872	148.8
37	Sean Delaney*****	864	146.4
38	Andy Hall*****	862	145.9
39	Kester Young*****	860	145.0
40	Peter Norman*****	855	144.4
41	Kenneth Wardhaugh*	854	143.9
42	Chas Goddard*****	841	141.8
43	Caroline Parker*****	840	141.3
44	John McLeod*	825	138.1
45	Michael Savidge	824	138.0
46	Graham Hutchings*	799	134.7
47	Jacob Smith	790	133.4
48	Ian Constable*****	777	131.8
49	Jane Carrington**	753	128.8
50	Ella Hy	748	128.3
51	Abi Lee*	733	127.0
52	Stan Hutchinson*****	722	125.5
53	Darren Goodall*****	714	124.6
54	Tony Barnard*****	702	123.1
55	Paul Landreth*****	702	122.8
56	Matthew Ward****	702	122.8
57	Greg Roberts*	700	122.5
58	Tim Poil*****	688	121.2
59	Philip Leary***	686	121.0
60	Kapil Sheth***	682	120.6
61	Marcus Johansson*****	669	118.6
62	George Kirrin*****	668	118.4
63	Roger Arnold*****	667	118.2
64	James Smith*****	660	117.4
65	Derek Allen***	660	117.4
66	Stuart Briely*****	652	116.5
67	Paul Devine*****	647	115.5
68	Neil Kennedy*****	610	111.7
69	Tim Jones*****	601	110.5

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
70	Ben Doran**	599	110.2
71	Dan Chapman*	593	109.4
72	Henry Tapper*****	583	108.1
73	Simon Redfern*****	576	107.5
74	Aaron Love*****	568	106.8
75	Oliver Nicholls***	568	106.6
76	Anushka Patel	561	105.9
77	Emma Lann	534	103.9
78	Sandra Young*	532	103.6
79	Mike Common*	530	103.6
80	Max Mauchline*****	527	103.2
81	Frasier Kings**	476	99.0
82	Lauren Coulthard**	441	95.7
83	Mel Wilson*****	437	95.1
84	Mark Warnes*****	421	93.0
85	Jack Presswell***	420	92.8
86	Zoe Sadler*	371	89.0
87	Amrita Dasgupta****	360	87.8
88	Colin Freeman*****	344	86.1
89	Jacobina Norris****	322	83.4
90	Wendy Ludman*****	320	83.1
91	Toni Johnson*****	315	82.0
92	Rob Young****	307	81.0
93	Patrick Goudard	301	79.9
94	Manjula Satheesan*****	301	79.8
95	Alex Balchin*	300	79.1
96	Mike Booth*****	290	77.6
97	Indleeb Rehman***	263	73.8
98	Talha Gulzar	241	70.1
99	Duncan Carter*****	225	67.8
100	Freya Toovey	219	67.1
101	Ben Law**	188	63.2
102	Sharon Royston***	168	61.0
103	Keith Williams*****	162	60.3
104	Scott Harrison*****	144	57.9

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
105	Charlotte White**	133	55.3
106	Adam Steele*	111	50.6
107	Saif Sadiq	104	49.3
108	Brendan O'Connor*****	77	41.9
109	John Stock**	77	41.9
110	Simon Holderness*****	75	40.5
111	John Hope*****	49	30.3
112	Kay Williamson*****	41	24.2
113	Chris Schofield*	22	11.6