

## Bulletin 5 – 25 February 2022

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

### Winners and losers

Tables prior to Wednesday night's fixtures had Manchester City top of the Monkey Premier League, but given Liverpool's emphatic 6-0 victory over Leeds United, this will see the Reds reach the summit and overtake their title rivals. West Ham and Wolves lurk just behind as both teams continue to chase after a top 4 spot for the first time in the Premier League. Everton's lacklustre form has continued despite Frank Lampard's appointment. The Toffees lie worryingly bottom just below Leicester City and Burnley - the latter who are still playing catch-up with their fixtures following Covid postponements.

Huddersfield Town have put together a neat run of form, have not been beaten since November and have consequently climbed their way to the top of the Monkey League Championship. Fellow promotion hopefuls QPR and Blackburn Rovers lie a distant second and third respectively. Despite two wins in their last three outings, Barnsley sit at the foot of the table, beneath Derby County and Peterborough who are also struggling to get out the relegation zone.

Since the last bulletin, Rotherham United have built up a significant lead over rivals Plymouth Argyle, MK Dons and Wigan Athletic. The Millers have lost just once since the turn of the year. A couple of recent wins for Doncaster Rovers is enough to see Donny leapfrog Crewe Alexandra, who now lie bottom of Monkey League One following a dismal run of seven straight defeats.

Vegan-friendly-football is increasingly looking like it will be on the menu in League One next season as Forest Green Rovers continue to top the table in League Two and Monkey League Two. Surprise package Sutton United have dropped off the pace a little but still lie second thanks to their generous handicap. Oldham Athletic have started to turn things around thanks to the appointment of 'new' manager John Sheridan. Sheridan has only been manager at the Latics five times before so you'd think he knows what he's doing by now. It is Carlisle United who now prop up the table beneath fellow strugglers Scunthorpe United.

### The Monkey League results

**John Small** again manages to hold onto top spot for another bulletin, just ahead of **Luke Withey** and **James Gardner**. **John Hope** is busy climbing the table since the last bulletin and so there is another new contender for the wooden spoon in **Adam Steele**. (I daren't say too much here as I am not much further above.)

Our most improved player since last time is **Toni Johnson**, climbing an impressive 30 places up to the 45<sup>th</sup> place. Going in the other direction by the same number of places is **Andy Illingworth**, falling to 63<sup>rd</sup>.

### Quote of the week

*"He is available and he will get on the pitch"* said Brentford boss Thomas Frank about new signing Christian Eriksen. It will of course be Eriksen's first time playing in a competitive match after suffering a cardiac arrest for Denmark eight months ago.

### Question of the week

Last time's question was a right head scratcher that has plenty of people guessing. We asked you if you can name the 4 other managers (other than Roy Hodgson) to have managed a Premier League game in their seventies? The answers were Sir Alex Ferguson, Sir Bobby Robson, Neil Warnock and Claudio Ranieri (who Roy Hodgson replaced at Watford).

This week we want to know the opposite – who are the five youngest managers to have managed a Premier League game (clue – one is in their twenties)?

**Neil Kennedy**

## Monkey League Handicap tables

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Man City	26	63	0.0	63.0
2 West Ham	26	42	19.8	61.8
3 Liverpool	25	57	4.6	61.6
4 Wolves	24	40	21.5	61.5
5 Southampton	25	32	23.0	55.0
6 Chelsea	25	50	4.6	54.6
7 Brighton	25	33	21.1	54.1
8 Arsenal	23	42	11.5	53.5
9 Brentford	26	24	29.4	53.4
10 Crystal Palace	25	26	26.3	52.3
11 Man United	26	46	5.5	51.5
12 Tottenham	23	39	10.9	49.9
13 Norwich	25	17	30.3	47.3
14 Newcastle	24	22	24.6	46.6
15 Watford	24	18	27.8	45.8
16 Aston Villa	24	27	17.7	44.7
17 Leeds	24	23	17.7	40.7
18 Burnley	22	17	23.2	40.2
19 Leicester	23	27	12.7	39.7
20 Everton	23	22	15.7	37.7

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Huddersfield	33	53	20.1	73.1
2 QPR	32	53	12.5	65.5
3 Blackburn Rovers	32	54	11.1	65.1
4 Fulham	31	64	0.0	64.0
5 Bournemouth	30	58	5.2	63.2
6 Coventry	31	47	16.2	63.2
7 Blackpool	32	42	19.5	61.5
8 Luton Town	31	48	13.5	61.5
9 Preston	33	45	15.8	60.8
10 Middlesbrough	31	49	8.1	57.1
11 Millwall	31	43	13.5	56.5
12 Nottingham Forest	31	47	8.1	55.1
13 Bristol City	33	40	14.3	54.3
14 Birmingham	33	37	17.2	54.2
15 Sheffield United	31	50	2.7	52.7
16 Stoke	31	44	8.1	52.1
17 Hull	33	34	17.2	51.2
18 West Brom	32	46	2.8	48.8
19 Swansea	31	38	9.4	47.4
20 Cardiff City	32	36	7.0	43.0
21 Reading	32	26	13.9	39.9
22 Peterborough	31	21	18.9	39.9
23 Derby	32	21	16.7	37.7
24 Barnsley	31	17	10.8	27.8

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Rotherham	32	69	5.6	74.6
2 Plymouth Argyle	31	56	11.5	67.5
3 MK Dons	33	60	7.2	67.2
4 Wigan Athletic	30	63	3.3	66.3
5 Wycombe	32	55	8.3	63.3
6 Oxford United	33	56	7.2	63.2
7 Cambridge United	32	41	18.1	59.1
8 Sheffield Wednesday	32	55	2.8	57.8
9 Accrington Stanley	32	43	14.6	57.6
10 Cheltenham	32	40	17.4	57.4
11 Sunderland	33	55	0.0	55.0
12 Burton Albion	33	43	11.5	54.5
13 Bolton	33	48	6.5	54.5
14 Ipswich Town	33	51	1.4	52.4
15 Morecambe	32	30	20.2	50.2
16 AFC Wimbledon	32	31	16.7	47.7
17 Portsmouth	30	44	3.3	47.3
18 Shrewsbury Town	32	34	12.5	46.5
19 Fleetwood Town	31	32	12.1	44.1
20 Charlton Athletic	32	39	4.2	43.2
21 Lincoln City	31	35	5.4	40.4
22 Gillingham	33	26	14.3	40.3
23 Doncaster Rovers	34	25	11.1	36.1
24 Crewe Alexandra	32	22	12.5	34.5

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Forest Green Rovers	31	66	5.4	71.4
2 Sutton United	32	51	16.7	67.7
3 Tranmere	33	56	7.2	63.2
4 Northampton	31	55	6.7	61.7
5 Swindon	31	49	10.8	59.8
6 Exeter	30	53	5.2	58.2
7 Newport County	32	49	9.0	58.0
8 Hartlepool	31	41	13.5	54.5
9 Mansfield	30	50	3.9	53.9
10 Crawley Town	30	40	13.0	53.0
11 Port Vale	29	45	6.3	51.3
12 Harrogate Town	30	38	10.4	48.4
13 Bristol Rovers	30	44	3.9	47.9
14 Stevenage	33	33	14.3	47.3
15 Barrow	31	31	14.8	45.8
16 Walsall	31	35	10.1	45.1
17 Salford City	31	44	0.0	44.0
18 Bradford City	32	40	3.5	43.5
19 Rochdale	29	34	8.2	42.2
20 Oldham Athletic	30	29	11.7	40.7
21 Colchester Utd	31	31	8.8	39.8
22 Leyton Orient	29	33	4.4	37.4
23 Scunthorpe	32	22	15.3	37.3
24 Carlisle	31	28	6.7	34.7

## Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	John Small*****	999	330.7
2	Luke Withey	996	274.0
3	James Gardner***	993	257.8
4	Ryan Phagurey	991	251.5
5	Craig Walker*****	974	228.2
6	Matt Such*****	968	220.9
7	Daniel Sirl***	966	218.0
8	Marcos Abreu*	963	212.8
9	Benjamin Robinson*	963	212.5
10	Andrew Pritchard*****	962	208.7
11	Jon Wilkes**	959	205.9
12	Roger Arnold*****	953	202.5
13	Nick Saxton***	953	202.1
14	James Allen*****	941	199.1
15	Rob Hurst	937	196.8
16	Stephen Kilgannon*****	935	196.4
17	Jennifer Jackson*	930	194.2
18	Paul Marriott*****	926	192.6
19	Graham Hutchings*	923	191.0
20	Martin Blades*****	915	187.0
21	Julian Hope	914	186.8
22	Philip Leary***	906	183.8
23	Joe Pilcher	900	181.8
24	Emma Robinson*****	896	180.1
25	Derek Allen***	890	178.3
26	Michael O'Donnell	890	177.9
27	Dale Walmsley*****	889	177.0
28	Sean Delaney*****	878	172.6
29	Wendy Ludman*****	876	172.4
30	Caroline Parker*****	858	167.7
31	Gary Symons****	848	164.4
32	Stuart Briely*****	838	161.9
33	Kester Young*****	828	160.4
34	Andrew Grant***	826	160.1

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Matthew Ward****	825	159.4
36	Andy Smyth	810	155.7
37	Jonathan Hugh****	805	154.6
38	Michael Savidge	772	148.2
39	Lance Havell*****	769	146.7
40	Darren Goodall*****	761	144.7
41	Andy Hall*****	759	144.0
42	Tim Barlow*****	758	143.1
43	Jane Carrington**	758	143.0
44	Chris Chivers*****	705	134.5
45	Toni Johnson*****	702	134.0
46	Doug Huggins**	690	132.9
47	Mike Common*	683	131.0
48	Emma Lann	652	127.6
49	Sandra Young*	648	126.3
50	Helen Butters*****	627	122.8
51	Paul Devine*****	623	121.8
52	Chas Goddard*****	617	121.1
53	Charlotte White**	614	120.8
54	Becky Thompson*****	605	119.3
55	Henry Grant	598	118.3
56	Peter Norman*****	588	116.8
57	Ella Hy	587	116.5
58	Jacob Smith	577	115.6
59	Robin Holderness*****	573	114.6
60	Ian Constable*****	562	113.3
61	Greg Roberts*	548	110.8
62	Stan Hutchinson*****	548	110.8
63	Andy Illingworth**	548	110.8
64	Zoe Sadler*	519	107.2
65	Anushka Patel	517	106.5
66	James Smith*****	505	104.7
67	Kenneth Wardhaugh*	500	103.2
68	Ben Doran**	497	102.4
69	Tim Jones*****	496	102.3

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
70	John McLeod*	495	101.9
71	Paul Landreth*****	473	97.7
72	Alex Balchin*	456	95.6
73	Max Mauchline*****	449	93.7
74	Abi Lee*	445	92.9
75	Keith Williams*****	441	91.5
76	George Kirrin*****	421	88.0
77	Rob Young****	418	87.1
78	Henry Tapper*****	416	86.7
79	Dan Chapman*	401	84.3
80	Tim Poil*****	392	82.6
81	Oliver Nicholls***	383	81.5
82	Aaron Love*****	354	77.7
83	Ben Law**	347	76.9
84	Patrick Goudard	337	74.5
85	Saif Sadiq	336	74.3
86	Jacobina Norris****	317	71.5
87	Simon Redfern*****	301	69.4
88	Colin Freeman*****	280	65.4
89	Amrita Dasgupta****	278	64.9
90	Jack Presswell***	266	62.8
91	Talha Gulzar	259	61.5
92	Kapil Sheth***	257	60.9
93	Sharon Royston***	252	60.2
94	Tony Barnard*****	230	56.6
95	Mel Wilson*****	217	54.6
96	Mike Booth*****	183	46.4
97	Freya Toovey	178	45.5
98	Marcus Johansson*****	177	45.3
99	Lauren Coulthard**	176	45.0
100	Indleeb Rehman***	163	41.4
101	Frasier Kings**	128	34.6
102	Manjula Satheesan*****	122	32.9
103	Neil Kennedy*****	111	28.2
104	Mark Warnes*****	101	24.1

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
105	John Stock**	98	23.2
106	Duncan Carter*****	91	20.3
107	Simon Holderness*****	64	6.9
108	Scott Harrison*****	56	2.6
109	Chris Schofield*	49	-1.7
110	John Hope*****	27	-25.6
111	Kay Williamson*****	26	-27.2
112	Brendan O'Connor*****	22	-32.8
113	Adam Steele*	13	-49.3