

Bulletin 6 – 8 April 2022

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

Winners and losers

Following their 10th consecutive win against struggling Watford, Liverpool lead the way as we move into the penultimate month of the season. All eyes will be on this weekend's clash between the Reds and Manchester City, which could be a crucial game in both the Premier League and Monkey Premier League run in. Wolves and West Ham have both continued to enjoy successful campaigns and are close behind the leaders in our Monkey League table. Everton's troubles mean they are firmly rooted to the table, even before we take into account their midweek loss again Burnley.

Despite a couple of defeats in recent weeks, Huddersfield Town have extended their lead at the top of the Monkey League Championship. The Terriers have one of the biggest handicaps, which combined with their playoff push, is likely to see them bring home the Monkey League title this season. Just behind, Luton Town continue to impress and sit just above Fulham, who look certain to be playing in the Premier League again next season. No change in the bottom three, with Barnsley drifting further away from Derby and Peterborough.

Rotherham were our leaders for the last bulletin, but since then the Millers have started to struggle and have been leapfrogged by MK Dons and new leaders, Plymouth Argyle. Argyle have put together an impressive run of games just at the right time, winning six of their last seven and only conceding one goal in the process. It's been a tough season so far for Crewe Alexandra who sit in last spot, just behind fellow strugglers Doncaster Rovers – both teams have only picked up 3 points from their last 10 games.

Sutton United have closed the gap at the top of Monkey League Two, but Forest Green Rovers continue to lead the way with a narrow advantage. Sutton actually only sit in 11th place in the League Two table but have a mighty handicap in their first ever season in the Football League. They nearly took home some silver wear but narrowly lost to League One's Rotherham in an extra-time defeat in the Papa Johns Trophy final at Wembley last Sunday. Scunthorpe United continue to prop up the table and will likely be glad that the season is nearly over, having only won four games so far.

The Monkey League results

John Small continues to lead the way ahead of **Luke Withey**. **Adam Steele** is holding firmly onto the wooden spoon, but **John Hope** is not giving up without a fight! Our most improved player since last time is **Abi Lee**, climbing an impressive 49 places up to 25th. Going in the other direction is **Craig Walker**, falling from the dizzy heights of 5th, down to 34th place.

Quote of the week

"I'm not sure these know how to win a game lads, away from home particularly. We have to play on that," was Sean Dyche's message in his half-time team talk during Wednesday night's crucial match between Burnley and Everton. The message clearly worked as the Clarets turned the game around in the second half to win 3-2, which brings Burnley within one point of the Toffees who sit in 17th place

Question of the week

Last time we asked if you could name the five youngest managers to have managed a Premier League game (clue – one is in their twenties)? This one proved a tricky question – the correct answers are Ryan Mason, Andre Villas-Boas, Gianluca Vialli, Chris Coleman and Attilio Lombardo

This week, as it is looking more likely that Fulham will secure promotion straight back to the Premier League, we want to know how many of the seven clubs you can name who have achieved the same feat since the 2010/11 season.

James Allen

Monkey League Handicap tables

Handicap Tables as at 4 Apr 2022

Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Liverpool	30	72	5.5	77.5
2 Wolves	31	49	27.7	76.7
3 West Ham	31	51	23.7	74.7
4 Man City	30	73	0.0	73.0
5 Tottenham	30	54	14.2	68.2
6 Brentford	31	33	35.1	68.1
7 Arsenal	28	54	14.0	68.0
8 Crystal Palace	29	34	30.5	64.5
9 Chelsea	29	59	5.3	64.3
10 Southampton	30	36	27.6	63.6
11 Newcastle	30	31	30.8	61.8
12 Brighton	30	34	25.3	59.3
13 Aston Villa	30	36	22.1	58.1
14 Man United	30	51	6.3	57.3
15 Watford	30	22	34.7	56.7
16 Norwich	30	18	36.3	54.3
17 Leeds	31	30	22.8	52.8
18 Leicester	28	37	15.5	52.5
19 Burnley	28	21	29.5	50.5
20 Everton	28	25	19.2	44.2

Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Huddersfield	40	66	24.3	90.3
2 Luton Town	39	64	17.0	81.0
3 Fulham	38	80	0.0	80.0
4 Bournemouth	37	72	6.4	78.4
5 Coventry	39	56	20.3	76.3
6 Blackburn Rovers	40	62	13.9	75.9
7 Blackpool	38	52	23.1	75.1
8 Millwall	39	58	17.0	75.0
9 QPR	39	59	15.3	74.3
10 Middlesbrough	38	62	9.9	71.9
11 Nottingham Forest	37	61	9.7	70.7
12 Preston	39	51	18.7	69.7
13 Birmingham	40	45	20.9	65.9
14 Sheffield United	39	61	3.4	64.4
15 Swansea	38	51	11.6	62.6
16 Stoke	39	52	10.2	62.2
17 Hull	40	41	20.9	61.9
18 Bristol City	40	44	17.4	61.4
19 West Brom	39	54	3.4	57.4
20 Cardiff City	39	46	8.5	54.5
21 Reading	39	34	17.0	51.0
22 Peterborough	39	26	23.7	49.7
23 Derby	40	28	20.9	48.9
24 Barnsley	39	29	13.6	42.6

Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Plymouth Argyle	41	77	15.2	92.2
2 MK Dons	40	79	8.7	87.7
3 Rotherham	39	80	6.8	86.8
4 Wigan Athletic	38	80	4.1	84.1
5 Wycombe	40	69	10.4	79.4
6 Oxford United	40	69	8.7	77.7
7 Sheffield Wednesday	40	72	3.5	75.5
8 Cambridge United	40	51	22.6	73.6
9 Cheltenham	41	51	22.3	73.3
10 Sunderland	40	70	0.0	70.0
11 Accrington Stanley	40	51	18.3	69.3
12 Bolton	40	59	7.8	66.8
13 Ipswich Town	41	64	1.8	65.8
14 Shrewsbury Town	41	48	16.0	64.0
15 Portsmouth	38	59	4.1	63.1
16 Burton Albion	40	47	13.9	60.9
17 Morecambe	40	35	25.2	60.2
18 Gillingham	41	37	17.8	54.8
19 Charlton Athletic	40	49	5.2	54.2
20 AFC Wimbledon	40	33	20.9	53.9
21 Fleetwood Town	39	37	15.3	52.3
22 Lincoln City	40	45	7.0	52.0
23 Doncaster Rovers	41	30	13.4	43.4
24 Crewe Alexandra	40	25	15.7	40.7

Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1 Forest Green Rovers	38	75	6.6	81.6
2 Sutton United	39	61	20.3	81.3
3 Exeter	39	71	6.8	77.8
4 Swindon	39	62	13.6	75.6
5 Northampton	40	66	8.7	74.7
6 Port Vale	39	66	8.5	74.5
7 Newport County	40	63	11.3	74.3
8 Tranmere	40	64	8.7	72.7
9 Bristol Rovers	40	66	5.2	71.2
10 Mansfield	38	66	5.0	71.0
11 Hartlepool	40	52	17.4	69.4
12 Crawley Town	39	51	17.0	68.0
13 Salford City	39	62	0.0	62.0
14 Harrogate Town	40	47	13.9	60.9
15 Walsall	40	47	13.0	60.0
16 Colchester Utd	40	45	11.3	56.3
17 Carlisle	40	47	8.7	55.7
18 Barrow	39	37	18.7	55.7
19 Rochdale	40	44	11.3	55.3
20 Leyton Orient	40	49	6.1	55.1
21 Oldham Athletic	40	37	15.7	52.7
22 Bradford City	40	47	4.3	51.3
23 Stevenage	39	34	17.0	51.0
24 Scunthorpe	40	24	19.1	43.1

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	John Small*****	998	359.9
2	Luke Withey	998	323.9
3	Stephen Kilgannon*****	997	310.8
4	James Gardner***	989	282.0
5	Matt Such*****	986	272.4
6	Benjamin Robinson*	985	267.6
7	Ryan Phagurey	984	266.5
8	Marcos Abreu*	978	252.5
9	Martin Blades*****	961	234.5
10	Philip Leary***	960	232.5
11	Graham Hutchings*	956	228.2
12	Julian Hope	956	226.1
13	Caroline Parker*****	939	216.7
14	Jennifer Jackson*	935	214.4
15	Jon Wilkes**	935	213.4
16	James Allen*****	905	201.2
17	Emma Robinson*****	899	199.2
18	Daniel Sirl***	899	198.8
19	Andrew Pritchard*****	895	196.4
20	Jonathan Hugh****	862	184.3
21	Stuart Briely*****	859	182.7
22	Nick Saxton***	857	182.2
23	Roger Arnold*****	857	182.2
24	Kester Young*****	854	180.7
25	Abi Lee*	854	180.4
26	Dale Walmsley*****	846	177.4
27	Michael Savidge	843	176.2
28	Becky Thompson*****	838	174.3
29	Michael O'Donnell	832	173.3
30	Paul Marriott*****	823	170.7
31	Andy Smyth	816	169.2
32	Sean Delaney*****	815	168.5
33	Chris Chivers*****	813	167.7
34	Craig Walker*****	813	167.4

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Henry Grant	792	161.8
36	Wendy Ludman*****	778	158.0
37	Toni Johnson*****	777	157.5
38	Tim Barlow*****	768	155.1
39	Sandra Young*	766	154.9
40	Lance Havell*****	763	154.2
41	Derek Allen***	743	149.7
42	Rob Hurst	727	145.6
43	Helen Butters*****	727	145.4
44	Joe Pilcher	715	142.2
45	Andrew Grant***	706	140.2
46	Darren Goodall*****	702	139.1
47	Matthew Ward****	662	132.5
48	Stan Hutchinson*****	660	131.8
49	Jacob Smith	657	131.1
50	Charlotte White**	639	126.4
51	Jane Carrington**	627	124.5
52	Andy Hall*****	627	124.4
53	Mike Common*	621	122.8
54	Doug Huggins**	608	120.9
55	Peter Norman*****	594	118.9
56	Emma Lann	564	115.0
57	Ella Hy	536	110.3
58	Gary Symons****	535	110.2
59	George Kirrin*****	504	103.1
60	Anushka Patel	503	103.0
61	Tim Jones*****	495	102.0
62	Ian Constable*****	493	101.0
63	Patrick Goudard	476	98.7
64	Chas Goddard*****	474	97.9
65	Robin Holderness*****	462	96.3
66	Ben Doran**	458	96.1
67	Dan Chapman*	456	95.5
68	Henry Tapper*****	453	94.9
69	Jacobina Norris****	435	91.9

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
70	Aaron Love*****	431	91.2
71	Paul Devine*****	412	87.1
72	Saif Sadiq	403	86.0
73	Paul Landreth*****	397	84.9
74	James Smith*****	347	73.8
75	Amrita Dasgupta****	345	73.6
76	Kenneth Wardhaugh*	345	73.2
77	Greg Roberts*	345	72.7
78	Alex Balchin*	343	72.5
79	Lauren Coulthard**	339	72.0
80	Marcus Johansson*****	339	71.9
81	Andy Illingworth**	332	71.0
82	Mel Wilson*****	300	64.0
83	Tim Poil*****	275	59.6
84	Sharon Royston***	275	59.6
85	Indleeb Rehman***	266	57.8
86	Zoe Sadler*	250	54.9
87	Oliver Nicholls***	233	51.5
88	Kapil Sheth***	229	50.6
89	Ben Law**	228	50.1
90	John McLeod*	212	45.1
91	Colin Freeman*****	200	41.4
92	Tony Barnard*****	195	40.6
93	Keith Williams*****	192	40.0
94	Mike Booth*****	183	37.4
95	Rob Young****	173	34.8
96	Max Mauchline*****	158	29.9
97	Jack Presswell***	149	27.1
98	Simon Redfern*****	143	25.5
99	Manjula Satheesan*****	130	21.3
100	Freya Toovey	120	15.9
101	Neil Kennedy*****	115	12.9
102	Frasier Kings**	96	4.8
103	Talha Gulzar	77	-6.8
104	Duncan Carter*****	75	-7.9

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
105	John Stock**	62	-17.1
106	Simon Holderness*****	35	-37.5
107	Kay Williamson*****	33	-40.2
108	Chris Schofield*	33	-41.4
109	Mark Warnes*****	33	-42.2
110	Scott Harrison*****	31	-44.6
111	Brendan O'Connor*****	30	-48.4
112	John Hope*****	24	-59.6
113	Adam Steele*	18	-66.3