

Bulletin 7 – 13 May 2022

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

Winners and losers

Five more wins for Manchester City in their last five sees them climb up the Monkey League Premier League table, only to be denied top spot by fellow title contenders Liverpool. Just behind in third place is Brentford, thanks to a recent good run of form and the biggest handicap in the league. Wolves have fallen from second place down to sixth as they are now winless in 5. At the other end of the table, back-to-back wins for Everton may have boosted their survival chances, but they still sit in last place just behind struggling Leeds.

After being predicted to finish joint last by the bookies, Huddersfield Town are crowned champions of the Monkey League Championship, after a very strong finish to the season, and finished a comfortable 14 points ahead of second place Bournemouth. Luton Town also upset the odds this season and finish in third, just one point behind Bournemouth. Barnsley finished well adrift of the rest of the table, with Derby and Reading making up the bottom three. Other notable performances are West Brom, who finished 19th after an underwhelming season when expected to be fighting for promotion.

It finished incredibly tight at the top of the Monkey League One table, with only four points between 1st and 5th. In the end, it was MK Dons who take home the title, just ahead of Rotherham United. Crewe Alexandra end the season in last place, behind Doncaster Rovers and Fleetwood Town. Cambridge United are perhaps the biggest overachievers this season, finishing comfortably in mid table after being expected to be fighting for survival. Ipswich Town were anticipated to be at the top, but only managed a disappointing mid table finish.

A stuttering end to the season for Forest Green Rovers allowed underdogs Sutton United to romp home with the Monkey League Two title. What a first ever season in the Football League for Sutton, just falling 1 point short of a playoff place. Forest Green finish in 4th place in the Monkey League table, with Swindon and Exeter also getting ahead. Scunthorpe and Oldham will be playing their football in the National League next season and finished adrift at the bottom of the Monkey League table, despite big handicaps. Early-season title favourites Salford City only managed a disappointing mid-table finish.

The Monkey League results

With just a few weeks of Premier League results to come, **John Small** still leads the way ahead, with **Steve Kilgannon** leapfrogging **Luke Withey**. A new favourite for the wooden spoon, as **Simon Holderness** drops into last place, with Mark Warnes only just ahead.

An impressive 17 players are on negative points, including brains of the Monkey League **Colin Freeman**, and fellow bulletin-writer **Neil Kennedy** – proving it can happen to the best of us!

Quote of the week

"He complains a lot. He has to focus more on his team. He has to focus more on his work. To hear someone complain all the time is not so good," was the Antonio Conte's verdict of Mikel Arteta after his Spurs side beat Arsenal in last night's North London derby. Arteta was particularly unhappy with a couple of first-half decisions for a penalty and sending off, both not in Arsenal's favour.

Question of the week

Last time we asked if you could name the seven clubs who, since the 2010/11 season, managed to secure promotion back to the Premier League at the first time of asking. They were West Ham, QPR, Norwich, Burnley, Hull, Newcastle and Fulham (twice)

This weekend sees the FA Cup final play out between Liverpool and Chelsea. We know that it will definitely be won by an overseas manager (Jurgen Klopp or Thomas Tuchel), but this week we want to know who became the first overseas manager to win the FA Cup?

James Allen

Monkey League Handicap tables

Handicap Tables as at 9 May 2022

	Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Liverpool	35	83	6.4	89.4
2	Man City	35	86	0.0	86.0
3	Brentford	36	43	40.7	83.7
4	Arsenal	35	66	17.5	83.5
5	West Ham	36	55	27.5	82.5
6	Wolves	35	50	31.3	81.3
7	Crystal Palace	35	44	36.8	80.8
8	Newcastle	36	43	36.9	79.9
9	Tottenham	35	62	16.6	78.6
10	Brighton	36	47	30.3	77.3
11	Chelsea	35	67	6.4	73.4
12	Southampton	36	40	33.2	73.2
13	Burnley	35	34	36.8	70.8
14	Aston Villa	34	43	25.1	68.1
15	Man United	37	58	7.8	65.8
16	Norwich	35	21	42.4	63.4
17	Watford	35	22	40.5	62.5
18	Leicester	34	42	18.8	60.8
19	Leeds	35	34	25.8	59.8
20	Everton	34	35	23.3	58.3

	Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Huddersfield	46	82	28.0	110.0
2	Bournemouth	46	88	8.0	96.0
3	Luton Town	46	75	20.0	95.0
4	Nottingham Forest	46	80	12.0	92.0
5	Fulham	46	90	0.0	90.0
6	Millwall	46	69	20.0	89.0
7	Blackpool	46	60	28.0	88.0
8	Coventry	46	64	24.0	88.0
9	Preston	46	64	22.0	86.0
10	Blackburn Rovers	46	69	16.0	85.0
11	QPR	46	66	18.0	84.0
12	Middlesbrough	46	70	12.0	82.0
13	Sheffield United	46	75	4.0	79.0
14	Bristol City	46	55	20.0	75.0
15	Hull	46	51	24.0	75.0
16	Swansea	46	61	14.0	75.0
17	Stoke	46	62	12.0	74.0
18	Birmingham	46	47	24.0	71.0
19	West Brom	46	67	4.0	71.0
20	Peterborough	46	37	28.0	65.0
21	Cardiff City	46	53	10.0	63.0
22	Reading	46	41	20.0	61.0
23	Derby	46	34	24.0	58.0
24	Barnsley	46	30	16.0	46.0

	Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	MK Dons	46	89	10.0	99.0
2	Rotherham	46	90	8.0	98.0
3	Plymouth Argyle	46	80	17.0	97.0
4	Wigan Athletic	46	92	5.0	97.0
5	Wycombe	46	83	12.0	95.0
6	Sheffield Wednesday	46	85	4.0	89.0
7	Oxford United	46	76	10.0	86.0
8	Cambridge United	46	58	26.0	84.0
9	Sunderland	46	84	0.0	84.0
10	Accrington Stanley	46	61	21.0	82.0
11	Bolton	46	73	9.0	82.0
12	Cheltenham	46	56	25.0	81.0
13	Portsmouth	46	73	5.0	78.0
14	Ipswich Town	46	70	2.0	72.0
15	Morecambe	46	42	29.0	71.0
16	Burton Albion	46	53	16.0	69.0
17	Shrewsbury Town	46	50	18.0	68.0
18	Charlton Athletic	46	59	6.0	65.0
19	AFC Wimbledon	46	37	24.0	61.0
20	Gillingham	46	40	20.0	60.0
21	Lincoln City	46	52	8.0	60.0
22	Fleetwood Town	46	40	18.0	58.0
23	Doncaster Rovers	46	38	15.0	53.0
24	Crewe Alexandra	46	29	18.0	47.0

	Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Sutton United	46	76	24.0	100.0
2	Swindon	46	77	16.0	93.0
3	Exeter	46	84	8.0	92.0
4	Forest Green Rovers	46	84	8.0	92.0
5	Northampton	46	80	10.0	90.0
6	Port Vale	46	78	10.0	88.0
7	Bristol Rovers	46	80	6.0	86.0
8	Tranmere	46	75	10.0	85.0
9	Mansfield	46	77	6.0	83.0
10	Newport County	46	69	13.0	82.0
11	Crawley Town	46	61	20.0	81.0
12	Hartlepool	46	54	20.0	74.0
13	Salford City	46	70	0.0	70.0
14	Harrogate Town	46	53	16.0	69.0
15	Walsall	46	54	15.0	69.0
16	Colchester Utd	46	55	13.0	68.0
17	Stevenage	46	47	20.0	67.0
18	Barrow	46	44	22.0	66.0
19	Rochdale	46	53	13.0	66.0
20	Leyton Orient	46	58	7.0	65.0
21	Bradford City	46	58	5.0	63.0
22	Carlisle	46	53	10.0	63.0
23	Oldham Athletic	46	38	18.0	56.0
24	Scunthorpe	46	26	22.0	48.0

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	John Small*****	1,000	384.6
2	Stephen Kilgannon*****	998	367.4
3	Luke Withey	998	365.0
4	Matt Such*****	987	291.6
5	Benjamin Robinson*	979	273.7
6	James Gardner***	979	272.8
7	Ryan Phagurey	979	271.7
8	Philip Leary***	979	270.8
9	Martin Blades*****	974	264.6
10	Jennifer Jackson*	974	264.2
11	Marcos Abreu*	970	257.4
12	Julian Hope	948	239.5
13	James Allen*****	934	230.9
14	Emma Robinson*****	933	230.3
15	Graham Hutchings*	911	216.2
16	Michael Savidge	906	213.7
17	Sean Delaney*****	904	213.0
18	Jon Wilkes**	901	211.0
19	Daniel Sirl***	895	208.2
20	Andrew Pritchard*****	888	203.2
21	Dale Walmsley*****	886	201.6
22	Caroline Parker*****	886	200.7
23	Toni Johnson*****	861	194.3
24	Chris Chivers*****	846	190.6
25	Abi Lee*	844	189.6
26	Kester Young*****	840	188.7
27	Jonathan Hugh****	836	186.6
28	Craig Walker*****	830	184.3
29	Stuart Briely*****	822	181.0
30	Roger Arnold*****	819	179.4
31	Becky Thompson*****	810	175.3
32	Andy Smyth	809	174.3
33	Paul Marriott*****	808	173.9
34	Michael O'Donnell	773	162.7
35	Stan Hutchinson*****	760	159.4
36	Rob Hurst	746	155.4
37	Jacob Smith	746	155.1

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
38	Joe Pilcher	746	154.7
39	Jane Carrington**	745	154.3
40	Sandra Young*	739	152.4
41	Peter Norman*****	731	151.3
42	Wendy Ludman*****	728	150.9
43	Henry Grant	722	148.8
44	Tim Barlow*****	707	145.6
45	Darren Goodall*****	707	145.4
46	Gary Symons****	706	145.1
47	Lance Havell*****	692	141.8
48	Henry Tapper*****	685	141.1
49	Nick Saxton***	684	140.7
50	Helen Butters*****	675	139.8
51	Derek Allen***	663	137.7
52	Paul Landreth*****	656	135.1
53	Andy Hall*****	656	135.1
54	Ella Hy	609	126.6
55	Matthew Ward****	585	121.5
56	Patrick Goudard	584	121.4
57	Anushka Patel	571	118.6
58	Emma Lann	548	112.8
59	Charlotte White**	521	107.6
60	James Smith*****	517	106.3
61	Robin Holderness*****	505	104.2
62	George Kirrin*****	502	103.6
63	Alex Balchin*	476	98.2
64	Tim Jones*****	475	97.8
65	Ian Constable*****	463	94.5
66	Greg Roberts*	443	90.6
67	Ben Doran**	441	89.5
68	Jacobina Norris****	398	81.3
69	Mike Common*	394	80.3
70	Andrew Grant***	381	78.0
71	Dan Chapman*	375	77.6
72	Amrita Dasgupta****	361	75.7
73	Marcus Johansson*****	361	75.7
74	Doug Huggins**	355	73.6
75	Chas Goddard*****	344	71.2

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
76	Saif Sadiq	344	70.6
77	Paul Devine*****	305	63.3
78	John McLeod*	303	61.8
79	Zoe Sadler*	300	60.3
80	Indleeb Rehman***	300	59.7
81	Aaron Love*****	300	59.5
82	Kenneth Wardhaugh*	300	59.2
83	Lauren Coulthard**	280	54.4
84	Jack Presswell***	279	53.7
85	Oliver Nicholls***	278	52.7
86	Andy Illingworth**	257	48.5
87	Tony Barnard*****	222	38.1
88	Tim Poil*****	216	36.8
89	Ben Law**	211	35.6
90	Freya Toovey	201	32.7
91	Mel Wilson*****	187	28.4
92	Simon Redfern*****	181	24.9
93	Max Mauchline*****	165	19.2
94	Kapil Sheth***	154	16.2
95	Mike Booth*****	142	10.8
96	Rob Young****	134	8.4
97	Talha Gulzar	101	-2.4
98	Keith Williams*****	95	-5.6
99	Manjula Satheesan*****	82	-12.7
100	Frasier Kings**	81	-13.2
101	Neil Kennedy*****	77	-14.3
102	Colin Freeman*****	77	-14.4
103	Sharon Royston***	63	-27.1
104	Duncan Carter*****	58	-31.2
105	Scott Harrison*****	58	-31.9
106	John Stock**	43	-47.9
107	Kay Williamson*****	39	-55.7
108	Brendan O'Connor*****	28	-66.1
109	Chris Schofield*	27	-67.2
110	John Hope*****	26	-69.8
111	Adam Steele*	25	-77.6
112	Mark Warnes*****	19	-91.3
113	Simon Holderness*****	16	-94.6

