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Bulletin 6 – May 2026

Welcome to the concluding bulletin of the 2025/26 Monkey League season.

Winners and losers

Sunderland hold onto top spot, becoming the only Monkey League centurion in the premier, followed home by runners up Manchester United after swinging back into form following the appointment of Michael Carrick at the expense of Brentford who complete the podium. Fellow promoted side Leeds United complete the top four, and whilst Burnley couldn't reach Premier League survival, they beat the Monkey League drop. The same can't be said for Wolves, whose fans hope not to be howling as much in the Championship next year, they fail to climb off the bottom of the Monkey League table too.

Across the other three divisions, there was little change to the tables following the final gameweek, with Coventry, Lincoln and Bromley also becoming Monkey League champs as well as picking their respective league title crowns. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Sheffield Wednesday amass the least Monkey League points across the four divisions after the Owls were pelleted with points deductions during the season.

The Monkey League results

Sam Ashworth, long time leader, can now be crowned the official winner of this competition, edging out **Tim Barlow**. Congratulations! However, nobody managed to outguess all our monkeys this year.

At the other end of the table, **John Small** picks up his second wooden spoon award having also been a former champion. Maybe he just hopes for mentions in the bulletins when he makes his selections! John did beat **Monkey 979** though.

Thanks to everyone for playing again this year and we hope you join the competition next season. In the meantime, we have the World Cup to keep us entertained over the summer.

Question of the month

Sticking with the 2026 World Cup theme, there are four sides making their debut in the competition – who are they?

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Handicap Tables as at 1 Jun 2026

	Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Sunderland	38	54	52.0	106.0
2	Manchester United	38	71	21.0	92.0
3	Brentford	38	53	38.0	91.0
4	Leeds United	38	47	43.0	90.0
5	Bournemouth	38	57	32.0	89.0
6	Arsenal	38	85	3.0	88.0
7	Aston Villa	38	65	22.0	87.0
8	Fulham	38	52	33.0	85.0
9	Everton	38	49	33.0	82.0
10	Manchester City	38	78	3.0	81.0
11	Brighton and Hove Albion	38	53	27.0	80.0
12	Crystal Palace	38	45	33.0	78.0
13	Nottingham Forest	38	44	32.0	76.0
14	West Ham United	38	39	35.0	74.0
15	Burnley	38	22	51.0	73.0
16	Chelsea	38	52	12.0	64.0
17	Newcastle United	38	49	15.0	64.0
18	Tottenham Hotspur	38	41	22.0	63.0
19	Liverpool	38	60	0.0	60.0
20	Wolverhampton Wanderer	38	20	39.0	59.0

	Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Coventry City	46	95	12.0	107.0
2	Millwall	46	83	24.0	107.0
3	Hull City	46	73	32.0	105.0
4	Derby County	46	69	28.0	97.0
5	Middlesbrough	46	80	16.0	96.0
6	Preston North End	46	60	34.0	94.0
7	Queens Park Rangers	46	58	34.0	92.0
8	Wrexham	46	71	20.0	91.0
9	Swansea City	46	64	26.0	90.0
10	Portsmouth	46	55	34.0	89.0
11	Charlton Athletic	46	53	34.0	87.0
12	Southampton	46	80	6.0	86.0
13	Oxford United	46	47	38.0	85.0
14	Blackburn Rovers	46	52	32.0	84.0
15	Bristol City	46	62	22.0	84.0
16	Ipswich Town	46	84	0.0	84.0
17	Watford	46	57	26.0	83.0
18	Norwich City	46	65	16.0	81.0
19	Stoke City	46	55	26.0	81.0
20	Birmingham City	46	64	10.0	74.0
21	Sheffield United	46	60	10.0	70.0
22	West Bromwich Albio	46	51	18.0	69.0
23	Leicester City	46	46	12.0	58.0
24	Sheffield Wednesday	46	0	36.0	36.0

	Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Lincoln City	46	103	20.0	123.0
2	Stevenage	46	75	22.0	97.0
3	Cardiff City	46	91	5.0	96.0
4	Bradford City	46	77	18.0	95.0
5	Stockport County	46	77	10.0	87.0
6	Mansfield Town	46	65	21.0	86.0
7	Bolton Wanderers	46	75	8.0	83.0
8	AFC Wimbledon	46	53	29.0	82.0
9	Burton Albion	46	54	26.0	80.0
10	Doncaster Rovers	46	60	20.0	80.0
11	Plymouth Argyle	46	73	6.0	79.0
12	Exeter City	46	49	27.0	76.0
13	Barnsley	46	59	16.0	75.0
14	Reading	46	63	12.0	75.0
15	Luton Town	46	74	0.0	74.0
16	Wycombe Wanderers	46	63	11.0	74.0
17	Huddersfield Town	46	67	5.0	72.0
18	Peterborough United	46	53	19.0	72.0
19	Wigan Athletic	46	56	15.0	71.0
20	Blackpool	46	60	9.0	69.0
21	Leyton Orient	46	52	15.0	67.0
22	Port Vale	46	42	25.0	67.0
23	Northampton Town	46	35	28.0	63.0
24	Rotherham United	46	41	17.0	58.0

	Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Bromley	46	87	22.0	109.0
2	Cambridge United	46	82	14.0	96.0
3	Grimsby Town	46	78	16.0	94.0
4	Barnet	46	76	14.0	90.0
5	Notts County	46	80	10.0	90.0
6	Salford City	46	81	9.0	90.0
7	Milton Keynes Dons	46	86	0.0	86.0
8	Swindon Town	46	75	10.0	85.0
9	Chesterfield	46	79	5.0	84.0
10	Crewe Alexandra	46	67	17.0	84.0
11	Oldham Athletic	46	68	16.0	84.0
12	Colchester United	46	66	14.0	80.0
13	Fleetwood Town	46	61	19.0	80.0
14	Accrington Stanley	46	53	24.0	77.0
15	Walsall	46	65	12.0	77.0
16	Cheltenham Town	46	52	22.0	74.0
17	Bristol Rovers	46	62	10.0	72.0
18	Newport County AFC	46	43	28.0	71.0
19	Harrogate Town	46	39	26.0	65.0
20	Shrewsbury Town	46	49	16.0	65.0
21	Gillingham	46	53	9.0	62.0
22	Tranmere Rovers	46	41	19.0	60.0
23	Crawley Town	46	40	16.0	56.0
24	Barrow	46	36	19.0	55.0

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	Sam Ashworth	997	335
2	Tim Barlow	997	329.8
3	Rob Walker	991	310.9
4	George Koeltgen	989	301.8
5	Gary Symons	986	293.6
6	Nick Saxton	979	280.8
7	Tom Howarth	975	275.6
8	Emma Robinson	959	261.3
9	Andy Pritchard	956	256.1
10	John Matczak	936	241.3
11	Hugo Berry	933	238.5
12	Philippa Lloyd	929	237.6
13	Mark Warnes	925	235.8
14	Bethany Kissock	925	235.4
15	Bradley Todd	925	234.5
16	Kelly Winter	919	230.4
17	Usman Asif	894	219.8
18	Will Rose	884	211.9
19	Richie Lloyd	850	197.6
20	Luke Vickers	849	196.7
21	James Gardner	840	192
22	Mike Common	832	188.7
23	Paul Marriott	831	187.2
24	Tim Jones	824	184.8
25	Olly Roper	812	181
26	Mark Sadler	795	175.5
27	William Sadler	794	175.3
28	Stephen Fairclough	791	174.6
29	Ryan Trevelyan	783	172.1
30	Robert Nash	776	169.3
31	James Milligan	774	168.2
32	Tim Poil	772	166.8
33	James Wallace	765	164.4
34	Darren Goodall	758	162.2

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Katie Trevelyan	753	160.5
36	Brendan O'Connor	742	158
37	Jonah Rowlinson	740	157.8
38	Sharon Royston	740	157.6
39	Graham Hutchings	737	156.5
40	Dale Walmsley	734	155.4
41	Melissa Jackson	723	151.9
42	Bryan Gardner	709	149.3
43	Zoe Sadler	701	147.4
44	Jude Keane	695	146
45	John Stock	691	145.1
46	Stuart Briely	675	142.4
47	Tracy Underdown	664	140.1
48	Jack Presswell	651	136.6
49	Sam Mullock	647	135.3
50	Paul Landreth	646	134.8
51	Michael O'Donnell	645	134.4
52	Neil Kennedy	641	133.6
53	George Hinkley	634	132.6
54	John-Henry Paul	634	132.1
55	Lewis Ward	631	131.2
56	Jamie McLeod	628	130.1
57	Will Pickles	606	125.3
58	Richard Hague	600	124.4
59	Thomas Harrington	592	123
60	Elliot Malcolm	587	121.7
61	Henry Tapper	577	119.6
62	George Orton	565	116.7
63	John McLeod	547	113.7
64	Lance Havell	541	112.7
65	Samuel Nyarko	535	112.2
66	Lucas Eagleton	530	110.9
67	Kim Metcalf	530	110.8
68	Matthew Clark	494	101.7
69	Gary Potts	492	101.4
70	Jon Gulzar	488	101.1

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
71	James Allen	486	100.8
72	Nathanael McPherson	484	100.4
73	Eesha Savani	481	98.7
74	Kev Brocklesby	478	97.7
75	Oliver Nicholls	476	96.7
76	Michael Johnson	464	92.8
77	Ben Doran	459	91.5
78	Joe Bronstein	458	91.3
79	Nicola Brocklesby	454	89.9
80	Chas Goddard	447	87.5
81	Gyll Mauchline	445	85.3
82	Dan Chapman	445	85.1
83	Kester Young	424	82.3
84	Amrita Dasgupta	414	79.3
85	Owen Adams	399	75.2
86	Ian Stirling	385	72.3
87	Lauren King	383	70.3
88	James Yacoub	380	68.6
89	Eddie Hopkins	370	66.7
90	Chris Rose	353	63.3
91	Ian Metcalf	351	62.7
92	Craig Moran	332	58.1
93	Cam McGrath	331	57.3
94	Katie Fairclough	287	47.3
95	Matt Price	284	45.9
96	Aaron Love	280	44.5
97	Michael Garland	253	34.4
98	Sean Richmond	252	33.9
99	Benjamin Robinson	249	32.5
100	Mel Wilson	246	30.9
101	Sebastian Boeck	237	29.5
102	Charlie Hewson	228	28.1
103	Max Mauchline	227	27.7
104	Henry Burton-Wilson	210	22.4
105	Katie Morgan	210	22
106	Cara Scobie	199	18.3

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
107	Chris Marson	193	16.5
108	Duncan Carter	188	15.3
109	George Metcalf	188	14.9
110	Michael Donaghy	185	13.9
111	Paul Devine	173	9.7
112	Riley McDonagh	170	8.2
113	Patrick Goudard	164	4.7
114	Toni Johnson	164	4.5
115	Ben Hoskins	145	-0.7
116	Olly Wallace	129	-7.1
117	Maria Heyns	123	-13.1
118	Sean Delaney	123	-13.5
119	Marcus Johansson	123	-13.7
120	Indi Rehman	115	-18.7
121	Emma Hawthorne	98	-24.8
122	Bex Thompson	91	-30.5
123	Andy Wyatt	78	-39.8
124	Caroline Rye	66	-47.2
125	Robbie Burns	56	-53.1
126	Charlotte White	56	-55.1
127	Simon Redfern	55	-55.4
128	Alexander French	26	-76.9
129	Megan Valentine	24	-79.6
130	Lucy Humphray	10	-112.6
131	John Small	1	-258.6