Bulletin 1 – 17 June 2024

Welcome to our first bulletin of the First Actuarial Monkey Euros 2024. Throughout the tournament, we will be giving you regular updates on the latest happenings from Germany, and the current standings in our competition to ensure you're all aware of how well (or not!) you're doing.

So here is your whistlestop tour for the results from the first weekend…

Germany 5 – 1 Scotland

The hosts kicked things off against long-time overseas tournament absentees Scotland on Friday night. It only took 10 minutes for Germany to take the lead, and by half-time they were 3-0 up with the Scots down to 10 men. A late own goal gave the Tartan Army something to cheer, but they left Munich on the receiving end of the biggest defeat in an opening game of a Euros.

Hungary 1 – 3 Switzerland

Switzerland took advantage of a sluggish start to the tournament from Hungary and headed into the half time break with a two goal lead, the first of which score by Kwadwo Duah with his first international goal. Hungary did rally in the second half, but they didn't manage to find the late equaliser they were pushing for, and Breel Embolo wrapped things up for the Swiss in the 93rd minute.

Spain 3 – 0 Croatia

Spain and Croatia kicked off the Group B games on Saturday afternoon in sunny Berlin. This game was done and dusted by half time, with goals from Morata, Fabian Ruiz and Dani Carvajal doing the damage before the break.

Spanish teenage star Lamine Yamal became the youngest player in men's Euros history when he started the game at the age of 16 years and 338 days!

Italy 2 – 1 Albania

Another Euros record was broken in the other Group B game, as Albania scored the fastest goal in a European Championship match when Nedim Bajrami smashed home after 23 seconds with a very kind assist from Federico Dimarco's throw-in. Italy quickly turned things around and led the game after 16 minutes and strolled to the finish line as the game slowly fizzled out.

Slovenia 1 – 1 Denmark

Christian Eriksen marked his return to the Euros with a goal after 17 minutes, but the Danes failed to capitalise on their first half dominance, leaving the door open for Erik Janza to grab an equaliser late in the second half. In the end, it was Slovenia who were more likely to grab the winner, but both sides will have to settle for a point in their opening fixture.

Serbia 0 – 1 England

England made a dream start to the other Group C game, when star-man Jude Bellingham charged into the box to head home Bukayo Saka's deflected cross. From there on in, it wasn't exactly a vintage England performance, but they won't worry too much and move onto the next game against Denmark with 3 points under their belt.

Poland 1 – 2 Netherlands

The first game on Sunday afternoon saw an entertaining tie between Poland and Netherlands to kick start Group D. Poland took a surprise early lead through Adam Buska, before Liverpool's Cody Gakpo equalised with a deflected effort just before the half-hour mark. The Dutch dominated much of the game but left it late in the day to grab the winner which came through Wout Weghorst with around 10 minutes to go.

Not a betting man?

Hungary boss Marco Rossi was unimpressed by his side's performance against Switzerland and appeared to be dreading their upcoming fixture against the hosts on Wednesday.

"We play Germany in four days. I dare anybody to bet one Hungarian forint on us. As of today that looks impossible" the Italian said. For those interested, a forint is worth about one-fifth of a British penny.

Results

Plenty of players have got off to a very good start in our Monkey Euros 2024, with our top four players correctly predicting the result in all seven games of the opening weekend. **Usman Asif** leads the way ahead of the others, predicting the scores of two games exactly right.

It wasn't plain sailing for everyone though, and **Zoe Sadler** takes the early honour of occupying last place. Plenty of time to turn it around though, Zoe!

James Allen

Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
1	Usman Asif	61	-	-
2	Viv Lloyd	59	-	-
3	Bailey Coe	58	-	-
4	Ian Constable	57	-	-
5	Phil Kelly	51	-	-
5	Sharon Royston	51	-	-
7	Andrew Pritchard	50	-	-
7	George Kennedy	50	-	-
7	Joe Bronstein	50	-	-
7	Lizzy Cook	50	-	-
11	Andy Yates	49	-	-
11	Ashraf Mitha	49	-	-
11	Dan Jinks	49	-	-
11	Elias Fessehaye	49	-	-
11	Josh Titley	49	-	-
11	Neil Kennedy	49	-	-
11	Oliver Nicholls	49	-	-
11	Stephen Kilgannon	49	-	-
11	Toni Johnson	49	-	-
20	David Thirlwell	48	-	-
20	James Allen	48	-	-
20	Megan Valentine	48	-	-

Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
20	Sam Mullock	48	-	-
24	Aaron Love	47	-	-
24	Andy Wyatt	47	-	-
24	Dan Pond	47	-	-
24	Ed Winstanley	47	-	-
24	John Stock	47	-	-
24	Paul Marriott	47	-	-
24	Riley McDonagh	47	-	-
24	Rob Walker	47	-	-
24	Robbie Burns	47	-	-
24	Robert Nash	47	-	-
24	Tim Jones	47	-	-
24	William Sadler	47	-	-
36	Ben Hoskins	46	-	-
36	Christopher Allen	46	-	-
36	Darren Goodall	46	-	-
36	Hugo Berry	46	-	-
36	Michael Johnson	46	-	-
36	Owen Adams	46	-	-
36	Sebastian Boeck	46	-	-
43	Ben Doran	45	-	-
43	Emma Robinson	45	-	-
43	Jason Ardern	45	-	-
43	Matthew Clark	45	-	-
47	Caroline Parker	44	-	-
47	Henry Tapper	44	-	-
49	Mel Wilson	41	-	-
49	Richard Lloyd	41	-	-
49	Ryan Yates	41	-	-
52	Gary Symons	40	-	-
52	Luke Vickers	40	-	-
52	Michael Savidge	40	-	-
55	Arsalan Hussain	39	-	-
55	Charlotte White	39	-	-
55	Daniel Sirl	39	-	-
55	Eddie Hopkins	39	-	-
55	John-Henry Paul	39	-	-
55	Lewis Ward	39	-	-
55	Michael O'Donnell	39	-	-
55	Nick Saxton	39	-	-
55	Peter Norman	39	-	-
64	Andrew Hall	38	-	-
64	Eesha Savani	38	-	-
64	Melissa Jackson	38	-	-
64	Peter Barber	38	-	-
64	Peter Wattle	38	-	-
64	Stuart Briely	38	-	-
70	Amrita Dasgupta	37	-	-

Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
70	Bryan Gardner	37	-	-
70	Craig Moran	37	-	-
70	Dan Chapman	37	-	-
70	James Milligan	37	-	-
70	John Escott	37	-	-
70	Katie Morgan	37	-	-
70	Peter Adshead	37	-	-
70	Wendy Ludman	37	-	-
79	Ed Cox	36	-	-
79	Indleeb Rehman	36	-	-
79	James Gardner	36	-	-
79	Marcus Johansson	36	-	-
79	Max Mauchline	36	-	-
79	Peter Nicholson	36	-	-
79	Sam Ashworth	36	-	-
79	Thomas Bargery	36	-	-
79	Tim Hart	36	-	-
79	Tony Barnard	36	-	-
89	Brad Bennett	35	-	-
89	Chris Williams	35	-	-
89	Claire Herbert	35	-	-
89	Daniel Smith	35	-	-
89	Kieran Armstrong	35	-	-
89	Kim Metcalf	35	-	-
89	Mara Aleixo	35	-	-
89	Olly Wallace	35	-	-
97	George Hinkley	34	-	-
97	George Sharp	34	-	-
97	Hannah Duncan	34	-	-
97	John McLeod	34	-	-
101	Larisa Wood	33	-	-
101	Talha Gulzar	33	-	-
101	Tim Poil	33	-	-
104	Kallia Panayiotides	32	-	-
105	Ryan Templeton	31	-	-
106	Charlotte Adshead	29	-	-
106	Jonathan Hugh	29	-	-
106	Mark Warnes	29	-	-
106	Bex Thompson	29	-	-
106	Tim Barlow	29	-	-
111	Aaron Mooney	28	-	-
111	Debbie Barthrop	28	-	-
111	Jane Elford	28	-	-
111	Jenny Mahtani	28	-	-
111	John Small	28	-	-
111	Josh Hirst	28	-	-
111	Lance Havell	28	-	-
111	Richard Stoddart	28	-	-

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119	Patrick Goudard	27	-	-
120	George Metcalf	26	-	-
120	Mike Common	26	-	-
120	Olav Dahl Elde	26	-	-
120	Virginie Allen	26	-	-
124	Duncan Carter	25	-	-
125	Andrew Allsopp	24	-	-
125	Gary Hayman	24	-	-
125	Michael Garland	24	-	-
128	James Hood	23	-	-
128	Jamie McLeod	23	-	-
128	Lee French	23	-	-
128	Sonal Parmar	23	-	-
132	Chris Marson	22	-	-
132	Daniel Hope	22	-	-
134	Benjamin Robinson	17	-	-
135	Brendan O'Connor	14	-	-
135	Jacob Kennedy	14	-	-
135	Paul Landreth	14	-	-
138	Sue Vivian	13	-	-
138	William Rose	13	-	-
140	Ian Metcalf	6	-	-
141	Charlie Phipps	3	-	-
142	Zoe Sadler	-25	-	-