Bulletin 4 – 20 June 2024

Welcome to our fourth bulletin of the First Actuarial Monkey Euros 2024. during 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.

Croatia 2 – 2 Albania

The second round of fixtures kicked off with a match between two sides looking to get their first points on the table following defeats in their opening games. Having scored the fastest goal in Euro's history in their opener against Italy, Albania took another early lead, this time in the 11th minute courtesy of a glancing header from Qazim Laci. Croatia's Andrej Kramaric celebrated his 33rd birthday in style by levelling the match in the 74th minute, and just two minutes later his shot, deflected off Albanian substitute Klaus Gjasula, put Croatia 2-1 ahead. It looked inevitable that Croatia would pick up their first win of their campaign, that was until the 95th minute when Gjasula scored his second of the game (albeit the first one was in his own net) to level the game at 2 apiece.

A result neither team would have been hoping for leaves each of them on 1 point, and both will be looking to win their respective games against Spain and Italy in their final group match to have any real hopes of qualifying for the knockouts.

Germany 2 – 0 Hungary

In a team full of promising youngsters, it was 33-year-old Ilkay Gundogan who stole the show as Germany beat Hungary 2 - 0 to become the first side to advance into the last 16 of the competition. A quick reaction to a Hungary defensive error allowed Gundogan to tee-up Jamal Musiala for a slick finish to put the Germans ahead in the 22nd minute. The Barcelona midfielder doubled his goal tally and the home nation's lead in the 67th minute through a composed sweeping finish in the Hungarian box.

Germany go into their final game against Switzerland needing to avoid defeat to secure 1st position in Group A, while Hungary need to beat Scotland to finish 3rd and hope to qualify as one of the four best third-place finishers.

Scotland 1 – 1 Switzerland

Following their 5 -1 hammering against Germany in their first game, Scotland put on a more resilient display against Switzerland, managing to secure their first point of the group stages. Manchester United's Scott McTominay dispatched Callum McGregor's cut-back in the 11th minute to put Scotland 1 - 0 up. The Tartan Army's celebrations were only to be short lived as Xherdan Shaqiri's brilliant outside-of-the-box finish, courtesy of a bewildering Scotland back-pass, made it 1-1 just fourteen minutes later. There were late chances for both sides, with Scotland's Grant Hanley hitting the post from a header late on, and Switzerland having a flurry of attempts they were unable to convert.

Switzerland will feel confident that their place in the last 16 is already secured, though a point (or even 3) against Germany will seal their spot. Scotland likely need to defeat Hungary in their final game to achieve last 16 status.

History-makers

Croatia's Klaus Gjasula become the first substitue in Euros history to score both a goal and an own goal in the same match. While Switzerland's Xherdan Shaqiri became the only European player to score in each of the last six major international tournaments, dating back to the 2014 World Cup.

There is a certain player who will be looking to extend their goal-scoring run to 11 consecutive international tournaments (beginning with the 2004 Euros) – any guesses whiuuu?

Best attacking talent in Europe?

Yesterday we told you that only three sides have not been tipped by any Monkey League participants to concede the most goals during the tournament. Despite England being lauded as having the best attacking talent in Europe, it is in fact two of their Group C neighbours **Serbia** and **Denmark,** along with host-nation **Germany** who have not been predicted to concede the most goals.

Results

Usman Asif loses top-spot for the first-time in the tournament following a disappointing 5 point tally. **Phil Kelly** becomes the first player to reach 100 points to take the 1st place crown.

A disappointing day for **Eesha Savani** sees her plummet 66 positions down the table having amassed the fewest points of the day (-7).

As many points separate 9th position and 141st position as they do 141st and 142nd (55) – it's looking like a miracle will be required for **Zoe Sadler** to displace herself from bottom spot.

Rob Walker

Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
1	Phil Kelly	102	+1	+17
2	Hugo Berry	99	+4	+19
3	Usman Asif	98	-2	+5
4	Viv Lloyd	94	-1	+13
5	Paul Marriott	89	+6	+16
6	Andrew Pritchard	88	+10	+19
6	Bailey Coe	88	+4	+13
8	Oliver Nicholls	87	-5	+6
9	Sharon Royston	86	+4	+16
10	Andy Wyatt	85	+10	+17
10	Ben Hoskins	85	-7	+4
10	Peter Wattle	85	+6	+16
13	Aaron Love	84	-	+14
13	Darren Goodall	84	+9	+17
13	Emma Robinson	84	+43	+27
16	James Allen	83	-9	+4
16	Owen Adams	83	+6	+16
16	Rob Walker	83	+6	+16
16	Toni Johnson	83	-7	+7
20	Ian Constable	82	-13	+3

Ranking	Player	Points	Daily Ranking Change	Daily Points Change
21	Neil Kennedy	81	+12	+17
22	Ashraf Mitha	79	-	+12
22	Ed Winstanley	79	+15	+16
24	Dan Jinks	78	-12	+7
24	Michael Johnson	78	+16	+16
26	Marcus Johansson	77	+19	+17
27	Bryan Gardner	76	+19	+17
27	James Milligan	76	+22	+18
27	John Escott	76	-14	+6
30	Andrew Hall	75	+19	+17
30	George Kennedy	75	-8	+8
30	Mel Wilson	75	+26	+18
30	Sam Mullock	75	-14	+6
34	Brad Bennett	74	+27	+18
34	Mike Common	74	+15	+16
36	Elias Fessehaye	73	+20	+16
36	Jason Ardern	73	+20	+16
36	Joe Bronstein	73	-16	+5
36	Megan Valentine	73	-20	+4
36	Melissa Jackson	73	+25	+17
41	Ed Cox	72	+23	+17
41	Gary Hayman	72	+67	+29
41	Riley McDonagh	72	-14	+6
41	William Sadler	72	-14	+6
45	John Stock	71	-12	+7
45	Robbie Burns	71	+26	+17
45	Robert Nash	71	-15	+6
45	Tim Jones	71	-18	+5
49	Ben Doran	70	-9	+8
49	Henry Tapper	70	-12	+7
51	David Thirlwell	69	-21	+4
51	Lizzy Cook	69	-21	+4
51	Matthew Clark	69	-14	+6
54	Claire Herbert	68	+26	+17
54	Kallia Panayiotides	68	+26	+17
54	Peter Norman	68	-12	+7
57	George Sharp	67	+23	+16
57	John McLeod	67	+23	+16
57	Mark Warnes	67	+23	+16
57	Ryan Templeton	67	+19	+14
57	Stephen Kilgannon	67	-15	+6
62	Caroline Parker	66	-20	+5
62	Mara Aleixo	66	+25	+16
64	Duncan Carter	65	+26	+18
64	Peter Adshead	65	-18	+6
64	Wendy Ludman	65	+25	+16
67	Andrew Allsopp	64	+23	+17
67	Andy Yates	64	-18	+6

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67	Dan Pond	64	-18	+6
67	Luke Vickers	64	-21	+5
67	Richard Lloyd	64	+23	+17
72	Chris Williams	63	-23	+5
72	Daniel Hope	63	+47	+22
72	Nick Saxton	63	-8	+8
72	Sebastian Boeck	63	-23	+5
72	Tim Poil	63	+8	+12
77	Arsalan Hussain	62	-21	+5
77	Charlotte White	62	-13	+7
77	Daniel Sirl	62	-13	+7
77	Gary Symons	62	+21	+17
77	John-Henry Paul	62	+13	+15
77	Sam Ashworth	62	+19	+16
83	Aaron Mooney	61	+20	+17
84	Jonathan Hugh	60	+14	+15
84	Larisa Wood	60	+19	+16
84	Lewis Ward	60	-20	+5
84	Tony Barnard	60	-13	+6
88	Dan Chapman	59	-17	+5
88	James Gardner	59	-17	+5
88	Jane Elford	59	+15	+15
88	Kim Metcalf	59	+25	+17
88	Max Mauchline	59	+25	+17
93	Daniel Smith	58	-29	+3
93	George Metcalf	58	-15	+6
93	Jenny Mahtani	58	+26	+17
93	Josh Titley	58	-60	-6
93	Kieran Armstrong	58	-22	+4
93	Olly Wallace	58	+20	+16
99	Christopher Allen	57	-19	+6
99	Eesha Savani	57	-66	-7
99	Hannah Duncan	57	+22	+17
99	Katie Morgan	57	-21	+5
103	Craig Moran	56	+10	+14
103	Talha Gulzar	56	-16	+6
103	Thomas Bargery	56	-27	+3
106	Olav Dahl Elde	54	+7	+12
106	Virginie Allen	54	+20	+17
108	Stuart Briely	52	-18	+5
109	John Small	51	-13	+5
109	Patrick Goudard	51	+22	+18
109	Ryan Yates	51	-48	-5
112	Amrita Dasgupta	50	-4	+7
112	Peter Barber	50	-14	+5
112	Bex Thompson	50	+19	+17
112	Tim Barlow	50	-14	+5
116	Charlotte Adshead	49	+12	+13

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116	Indleeb Rehman	49	-13	+5
116	Tim Hart	49	-52	-6
119	George Hinkley	48	-11	+5
119	Jacob Kennedy	48	+12	+15
121	Richard Stoddart	47	-13	+4
122	Lance Havell	46	-9	+4
122	Peter Nicholson	46	-1	+6
124	Eddie Hopkins	45	-3	+5
125	James Hood	44	-	+5
126	Chris Marson	43	-5	+3
127	Jamie McLeod	42	-1	5
127	William Rose	42	2	7
129	Michael O'Donnell	41	-39	-6
130	Debbie Barthrop	40	0	6
130	Michael Savidge	40	-27	-4
130	Sue Vivian	40	10	16
133	Michael Garland	39	-35	-6
133	Paul Landreth	39	-2	6
135	Benjamin Robinson	37	0	5
135	Lee French	37	-27	-6
137	Charlie Phipps	35	4	16
138	Brendan O'Connor	33	-1	5
138	Sonal Parmar	33	-2	4
140	Josh Hirst	32	-2	6
141	Ian Metcalf	31	-2	6
142	Zoe Sadler	-24	0	-6