## Bulletin 1 – 26 June 2026

Welcome to our first bulletin of the First Actuarial Monkey World Cup 2026. Throughout the tournament, we will be giving you updates on the latest happenings from Canada, Mexico and USA, 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 of the results so far from the groups stages…

**Scotland…**

Let's address this first. While the Tartan Army are mathematically still in the tournament, the odds of them progressing to the round of 32 are fading each day as results continue to not go their way. As it stands, Scotland have just a 5% chance of progressing as we head towards the last few group games.

If the Dark Blues crash out in the group stages, it will be difficult to say what their finest moment has been – John McGinn's winner against Haiti, impressively drinking Boston dry or leading a memorable march to the sound of bagpipes to Fenway Park.

**Surprise packages**

There's usually a dark horse nation that surprise a lot of people with their unexpected performances, but it feel like a few nations have captured the hearts of many at this World Cup. Granted, maybe it has something to do with the increased number of teams, but nations such as Curacao, Cape Verde and Congo DR (formerly Zaire) all registered their first points at a finals, as well as many teams qualifying from the group stages for the first time.

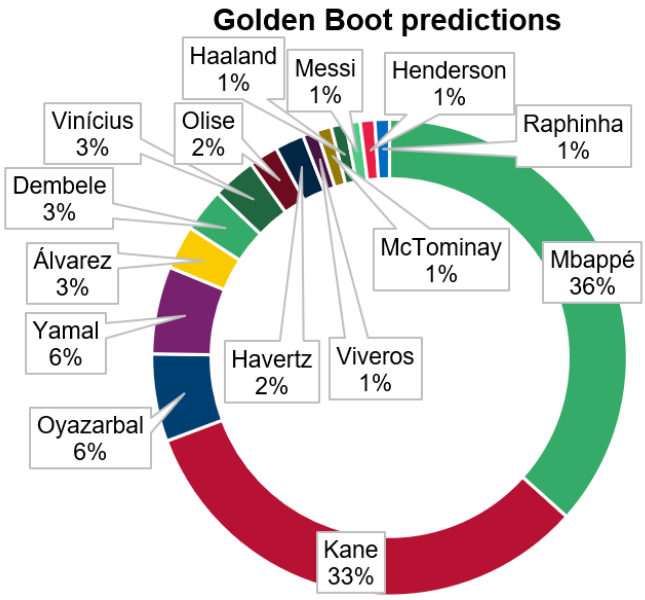
Ecuador's surprise victory against Germany to secure qualification wasn't a bad watch either.

**Race for the Golden Boot heats up**

It's not only the UK temperatures soaring, but also the goal streaks from many of the biggest names at this World Cup. The leading contenders are a who's who of Ballon d'Or nominees in recent years, all jockeying for position as we enter the knockout stages.

As I write this (shortly before France's match up with Norway), Lionel Messi leads the way on 5 goals in two games, while the man who pipped him to last time's Golden Boot in Qatar, Kylian Mbappé, is close behind on 4 goals along with Vinícius Jnr and Erling Haaland.

Here is a look at who you all predicted would be this year's Golden Boot winner…special shout outs for Jordan Henderson and Scott McTominay. Fascinatingly, only **Simon Wrighthouse** predicted Lionel Messi.




## Results

Plenty of players have got off to a very good start in our Monkey World Cup 2026. **Nick Peden** tops the standings after he has correctly predicted 9 scorelines so far. **Michael Savidge** scored well in yesterday's games, increasing his tally by 44 points jumping him up 20 places in the process.

**Neil Kennedy**

| Ranking | Player | Points | Daily Ranking Change | Daily Points Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | Nick Peden | 294 | 3 | 31 |
| **2** | Dwaine Crawford | 282 | -1 | 8 |
| **3** | John McLeod | 282 | 9 | 35 |
| **3** | John Escott | 277 | 2 | 20 |
| **5** | Mark Warnes | 275 | -3 | 9 |
| **5** | Daniel Jinks | 273 | -3 | 9 |
| **7** | Rob Walker | 272 | -2 | 12 |
| **8** | Joseph Keenan | 272 | 8 | 32 |
| **9** | Sharon Royston | 264 | -2 | 12 |
| **10** | Oliver Nicholls | 263 | -3 | 11 |
| **11** | Chris Marson | 261 | 1 | 18 |
| **11** | Andy Hall | 256 | -3 | 7 |
| **13** | Brendan O'Connor | 256 | 1 | 14 |
| **14** | Darren Goodall | 256 | 6 | 20 |
| **14** | Olly Wallace | 255 | 3 | 19 |
| **16** | Daniel Sirl | 254 | 0 | 17 |
| **16** | Amrita Dasgupta | 254 | -6 | 6 |
| **16** | Andy Pritchard | 251 | 11 | 31 |
| **19** | Dale Walmsley | 251 | 21 | 40 |
| **20** | Riley McDonagh | 251 | -4 | 10 |

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| Ranking | Player | Points | Daily Ranking Change | Daily Points Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **20** | Will Rose | 250 | 2 | 22 |
| **22** | Mark Rowlinson | 248 | 2 | 23 |
| **23** | Lucas Eagleton | 246 | 5 | 24 |
| **24** | Thomas Bargery | 244 | 1 | 20 |
| **24** | Shelby Trott | 243 | 0 | 19 |
| **26** | Caroline Parker | 242 | 12 | 30 |
| **26** | George Koeltgen | 242 | -6 | 9 |
| **28** | Charlotte White | 241 | -3 | 17 |
| **28** | Duncan Carter | 240 | 2 | 21 |
| **30** | Michael Johnson | 240 | -8 | 8 |
| **31** | Peter Wattle | 239 | -2 | 19 |
| **31** | Gary Symons | 237 | -1 | 18 |
| **31** | Sam Mullock | 236 | 1 | 18 |
| **31** | Sarah Abraham | 236 | 2 | 19 |
| **35** | Anees Afsar | 235 | 12 | 32 |
| **36** | James Gardner | 233 | -20 | -4 |
| **36** | Lewis Ward | 232 | -1 | 17 |
| **36** | Marcus Johansson | 231 | 2 | 21 |
| **36** | Andy Yates | 230 | -18 | -2 |
| **36** | Jonny Gill | 230 | 1 | 20 |
| **36** | Jon Gulzar | 230 | -8 | 11 |
| **42** | Dan Chapman | 229 | 1 | 23 |
| **42** | Bryan Gardner | 227 | 11 | 34 |
| **42** | Chris Williams | 227 | 0 | 21 |
| **45** | Will Pickles | 227 | 6 | 29 |
| **46** | Craig Moran | 225 | 4 | 31 |
| **47** | Paul Marriott | 224 | 9 | 34 |
| **47** | Tim Jones | 223 | -12 | 8 |
| **47** | Michael Donaghy | 223 | 10 | 35 |
| **47** | Oliver Whiles | 223 | 2 | 29 |
| **51** | George Orton | 222 | -3 | 21 |
| **51** | Michael Savidge | 220 | 20 | 44 |
| **53** | Tim Poil | 219 | -8 | 15 |
| **53** | Sean Delaney | 218 | 16 | 40 |
| **53** | Ed Winstanley | 216 | -13 | 7 |
| **56** | Virginie Allen | 213 | 8 | 28 |
| **56** | Henry Burton-Wilson | 212 | 9 | 30 |
| **56** | Jude Keane | 212 | -7 | 18 |
| **59** | Nicola Brocklesby | 208 | 10 | 28 |
| **60** | John Small | 207 | 1 | 21 |
| **60** | Tino Muchirahondo | 206 | -6 | 15 |
| **60** | Dave Jones | 204 | 2 | 19 |
| **60** | Simon Wrighthouse | 204 | -4 | 16 |
| **64** | Usman Asif | 202 | -14 | 8 |
| **65** | Innes Woodhouse | 201 | -4 | 15 |
| **65** | Nick Saxton | 200 | 14 | 33 |

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| Ranking | Player | Points | Daily Ranking Change | Daily Points Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **67** | Jack Riley | 198 | -11 | 8 |
| **68** | Elliot Malcolm | 198 | 4 | 21 |
| **68** | Katie Fairclough | 198 | -22 | -6 |
| **70** | Freya Toovey | 198 | -1 | 16 |
| **70** | Kester Young | 197 | -13 | 9 |
| **72** | James Allen | 196 | -11 | 10 |
| **73** | Oliver Bartle | 195 | -1 | 19 |
| **74** | Dan Smith | 194 | 0 | 19 |
| **74** | George Kennedy | 193 | 6 | 27 |
| **74** | Alex Riches | 190 | 8 | 29 |
| **77** | Eddie Hopkins | 189 | -9 | 8 |
| **77** | Callum Wilson | 188 | 8 | 28 |
| **77** | Andy Wyatt | 186 | 2 | 20 |
| **80** | Declan Keohane | 184 | -6 | 9 |
| **80** | George Metcalf | 183 | -5 | 9 |
| **80** | Alen Manoj | 180 | -5 | 7 |
| **83** | James Wallace | 180 | -5 | 7 |
| **83** | Michael O'Donnell | 177 | 3 | 19 |
| **85** | Neil Kennedy | 177 | 6 | 21 |
| **86** | Hannah Duncan | 175 | -7 | 4 |
| **87** | Patrick Goudard | 174 | 3 | 18 |
| **87** | Louis Hargreaves | 174 | 3 | 18 |
| **87** | Annie Lunn | 172 | -6 | 9 |
| **90** | Debbie Barthrop | 168 | -3 | 10 |
| **91** | Jamie McLeod | 167 | -7 | 6 |
| **92** | Sean Richmond | 164 | 2 | 21 |
| **93** | Toni Johnson | 163 | 0 | 17 |
| **93** | Ranbir Khinda | 155 | -7 | -3 |
| **95** | Graham Hutchinson | 153 | 0 | 12 |
| **96** | Rob Tailyour-Hayes | 142 | 1 | 9 |
| **97** | William Sadler | 141 | 3 | 21 |
| **98** | Cara Scobie | 140 | -1 | 7 |
| **99** | Henry Tapper | 139 | -4 | -2 |
| **100** | Tracey Underdown | 135 | -1 | 10 |
| **101** | Luke Tamblin | 107 | -1 | -13 |
| **102** | Aaron Evans | 106 | 0 | 9 |
| **103** | Claire Herbert | 97 | 0 | 15 |
| **104** | James Milligan | 22 | 0 | -1 |