Bulletin 1 – October 2024

Welcome to the first bulletin of the 2024/25 Monkey League season. Thanks for entering this year's competition.

Winners and losers

Nottingham are a perhaps surprise early leader in the Monkey Premier League after a smart start to their campaign, Liverpool Slot in behind in second place. At the other end of the table two of the leagues three remaining winless sides sit bottom alongside Crystal Palace despite the Eagles flying to victory at Spurs last weekend. Managerless Man Utd don't fare much better in 17th.

The Black Cats are perched at the top of the Monkey League Championship as we aptly head towards Halloween, with the North East side opening up a decent gap between them and nearest ML rivals Blackburn Rovers. Hats remain firmly on for Luton Town though who have sunk to the bottom of the division after a season in the top flight.

The tightest league so far is Monkey League 1, with Mansfield, Wycombe, and big hitters Birmingham completing the top three. Hollywood backed Wrexham are currently lurking in 4th place, hoping to play more than just a cameo role in the title race this year? Perhaps some Dutch courage is needed for Burton Albion who are currently cut adrift from the rest of the table in last place. If things don't change, they'll be drowning their sorrows come the springtime.

Much like their rivals over the river Trent, Notts County are performing well in Monkey League Division Two, sitting behind only Port Vale and Walsall in the standings. In mid table, MK Dons and AFC Wimbledon are split by less than a point as they sandwich the Class of 92's Salford City, but who will come out on top as the rivalrous pair face off in the FA Cup 1st round this weekend? Characterful boss Ian Holloway will be hoping to improve the position of his new side Swindon Town, currently 21st but surely the Robins will be able to find some form as the festive period approaches?

The Monkey League results

It's the biggest competition by participation for some time, with 146 entrants this year. Monkey League regular Paul Marriott leads the way early on, as he and Olly Wallace both have managed to out predict all of our Monkeys so far. Last years champion Andy Wyatt has to overcome a tough start if he wants to retain his crown, currently languishing in 139th place. Steve Higginbottom and Graham Hutchings are both doing their best to collect this year's wooden spoon, beating a meagre 7 monkeys apiece with just 0.2 points separating them at the foot of the table.

Question of the month

Harry Clarke joined the Premier League history books this month, becoming only the second player to score an own goal, concede a penalty and get sent off in the same game, during Ipswich's last-minute defeat to Brentford.

Can you name the only other player who has also completed this unfortunate hattrick?

Clue: They're still playing in the Premier League today.

Handicap Tables as at 28 Oct 2024

	Premier Division	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Nottm Forest	9	16	11.1	27.1
2	Liverpool	9	22	2.1	24.1
3	Aston Villa	9	18	5.7	23.7
4	Brighton	9	16	7.6	23.6
5	Man City	9	23	0.0	23.0
6	Brentford	9	13	9.9	22.9
7	Fulham	9	12	9.9	21.9
8	Bournemouth	9	12	9.2	21.2
9	Leicester	9	9	12.1	21.1
10	Chelsea	9	17	3.8	20.8
11	West Ham	9	11	8.1	19.1
12	Everton	9	9	9.9	18.9
13	Arsenal	9	18	0.5	18.5
14	Tottenham	9	13	4.7	17.7
15	Newcastle	9	12	4.5	16.5
16	Ipswich	9	4	11.8	15.8
17	Man Utd	9	11	4.3	15.3
18	Crystal Palace	9	6	8.1	14.1
19	Southampton	9	1	11.8	12.8
20	Wolverhampton	9	2	9.9	11.9

	Championship	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Sunderland	12	28	5.0	33.0
2	Blackburn	12	19	7.8	26.8
3	Sheffield United	12	22	4.2	26.2
4	Watford	12	19	6.8	25.8
5	Burnley	12	23	1.6	24.6
6	West Brom	12	20	4.4	24.4
7	Millwall	12	16	7.8	23.8
8	Oxford United	12	14	9.4	23.4
9	Bristol City	12	16	7.3	23.3
10	Leeds	12	23	0.0	23.0
11	Norwich	12	18	4.7	22.7
12	Derby	12	15	7.3	22.3
13	Preston	12	14	7.8	21.8
14	Middlesbrough	12	18	3.4	21.4
15	Plymouth	12	12	8.9	20.9
16	Swansea	12	13	7.3	20.3
17	Sheffield Wednesday	12	15	5.2	20.2
18	Cardiff	12	12	7.8	19.8
19	Hull	12	14	5.2	19.2
20	Stoke	12	12	4.7	16.7
21	Coventry	12	12	4.2	16.2
22	QPR	12	9	5.5	14.5
23	Portsmouth	12	8	6.3	14.3
24	Luton	12	11	2.6	13.6

	Sky Bet League 1	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Mansfield	12	24	6.8	30.8
2	Wycombe	12	26	4.4	30.4
3	Birmingham	12	29	0.0	29.0
4	Wrexham	13	25	3.1	28.1
5	Exeter	12	19	7.8	26.8
6	Reading	12	22	4.7	26.7
7	Barnsley	13	22	4.2	26.2
8	Lincoln City	12	21	5.2	26.2
9	Huddersfield	13	22	3.1	25.1
10	Stevenage	13	17	7.6	24.6
11	Northampton	12	15	8.3	23.3
12	Peterborough	14	18	4.6	22.6
13	Charlton	13	19	3.4	22.4
14	Bolton	12	20	2.3	22.3
15	Bristol Rovers	13	16	6.2	22.2
16	Stockport	12	18	4.2	22.2
17	Crawley Town	13	10	10.7	20.7
18	Rotherham	14	17	2.7	19.7
19	Blackpool	12	15	4.2	19.2
20	Cambridge Utd	12	10	8.3	18.3
21	Shrewsbury	14	8	10.0	18.0
22	Leyton Orient	13	11	6.8	17.8
23	Wigan	12	13	4.7	17.7
24	Burton Albion	12	4	6.5	10.5

	Sky Bet League 2	Played	Points	H'cap	Total
1	Port Vale	14	30	1.5	31.5
2	Walsall	13	26	3.4	29.4
3	Notts County	14	26	3.0	29.0
4	Crewe	13	24	4.2	28.2
5	Doncaster	14	26	1.5	27.5
6	Grimsby	14	21	5.5	26.5
7	Barrow	14	21	4.9	25.9
8	Newport County	14	19	6.4	25.4
9	Bradford	14	22	2.4	24.4
10	Chesterfield	14	22	0.0	22.0
11	Harrogate Town	14	15	7.0	22.0
12	AFC Wimbledon	11	19	2.9	21.9
13	Salford City	13	19	2.8	21.8
14	Milton Keynes Dons	14	21	0.6	21.6
15	Fleetwood Town	12	17	4.2	21.2
16	Bromley	13	14	7.1	21.1
17	Cheltenham	14	17	3.7	20.7
18	Gillingham	14	20	0.6	20.6
19	Accrington Stanley	13	13	5.7	18.7
20	Tranmere	13	14	4.2	18.2
21	Swindon	14	12	5.2	17.2
22	Colchester	13	12	5.1	17.1
23	Morecambe	14	7	7.9	14.9
24	Carlisle	14	8	2.4	10.4

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
1	Paul Marriott	1,000	203.5
2	Olly Wallace	1,000	199.4
3	Mel Wilson	999	196.7
4	Jamie McLeod	993	179.1
5	Tim Jones	990	171.4
6	Gyll Mauchline	987	168.6
7	Sharon Royston	986	166.6
8	Kester Young	986	165.9
9	Joe Bronstein	986	164.3
10	Daniel Jinks	983	162.8
11	Bonnie-Lee Radford	982	161.3
12	Michael Savidge	979	159
13	Chris Marson	979	158.2
14	James Wallace	971	154.6
15	James Johnston	969	153.2
16	Eesha Savani	966	152.3
17	George Kennedy	964	150.6
18	Aaron Love	963	150.4
19	Robbie Burns	963	150.1
20	Lauren Coulthard	958	148.6
21	Rachel Coe	955	147.2
22	Max Mauchline	950	145.7
23	Chas Goddard	944	144.8
24	Mark Sadler	934	143.2
25	Ben Schwikkard	929	141.2
26	Sam Ashworth	927	141
27	John Stock	917	140.1
28	Jon Gulzar	911	138.5
29	Richard Wright	911	138.5
30	Vicky Greenwood	908	138.2
31	Aaron Mooney	906	137.8
32	George Orton	906	137.8
33	Peter Wattle	906	137.6
34	Toni Johnson	904	137.3

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
35	Will Jones	904	137.2
36	Paul Devine	902	137.1
37	Jude Silverton	897	136.5
38	Luke Vickers	897	136.5
39	Chris Williams	896	136.3
40	James Gardner	896	136.3
41	Owen Adams	894	135.9
42	Amrita Dasgupta	894	135.9
43	Peter Nicholson	888	135.3
44	Indi Rehman	879	133.9
45	Elias Fessahaye	870	132.5
46	Tim Barlow	870	132.5
47	Nick Saxton	856	131.1
48	Sean Delaney	856	131.1
49	Jonathan Hugh	848	130.2
50	Peter Norman	841	129.2
51	Stuart Briely	837	128.4
52	Riley McDonagh	832	127.5
53	Jane Elford	819	126.5
54	Gordon Dingwall	814	125.9
55	Megan Valentine	806	124.9
56	James Hood	806	124.9
57	Bex Thompson	797	123.9
58	Eddie Hopkins	780	122.1
59	Henry Tapper	778	121.8
60	Katie Morgan	775	121.6
61	Joe Maddocks	748	119.3
62	Tony Barnard	735	118.3
63	Ryan Yates	724	116.9
64	James Milligan	719	116.5
65	Benjamin Robinson	710	115.3
66	Jack Reeves-Jones	708	114.9
67	Lance Havell	685	113.3
68	John Escott	651	111.2
69	Maria Heyns	644	110.8
70	Richard Stoddart	640	110.6

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
71	Marcus Johansson	633	110.1
72	William Sadler	632	109.8
73	Sebastian Boeck	632	109.7
74	Ben Andrew	632	109.7
75	Mark Warnes	632	109.7
76	Cara Scobie	631	109.6
77	Duncan Carter	622	109
78	Andy Yates	618	108.5
79	Michael O'Donnell	611	108
80	Rob Walker	608	107.8
81	Jonah Rowlinson	605	107.3
82	Dan Chapman	602	107
83	Katie Trevelyan	597	106.8
84	Neil Kennedy	595	106.6
85	Bryan Gardner	589	106.2
86	Dan Pond	588	106.1
87	Wendy Ludman	586	105.7
88	John Hope	586	105.6
89	Imran Rahim	575	104.2
90	Jay Nanda	570	103.9
91	Ewan Short	570	103.8
92	John Small	567	103.2
93	Josh Hall	567	103.2
94	Kelly Winter	564	102.7
95	Craig Moran	553	101.3
96	Gary Symons	519	98.7
97	Kim Metcalf	515	98.3
98	Daniel Sirl	513	98.2
99	Ben Reddy	483	95.7
100	Mike Common	467	95.1
101	Sahil Bareja	430	92.8
102	Hugo Berry	427	92.2
103	Nicola Brocklesby	421	92
104	Ben Doran	420	91.7
105	Tristan Jones	405	90.6
106	Brendan O'Connor	396	90

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
107	Stephen Kilgannon	387	89.5
108	Connor Spencer	381	89
109	Caroline Rye	380	88.9
110	Oliver Nicholls	380	88.8
111	Jake Beeton	377	88.7
112	Peter Nicholls	375	88.3
113	Thomas Bargery	373	88.2
114	Tim Poil	350	86.4
115	Michael Johnson	343	85.8
116	James Allen	343	85.7
117	William Rose	321	83.5
118	Ian Walker	316	83
119	Oliver Whiles	315	82.7
120	Darren Goodall	315	82.6
121	Tom Howarth	312	82.4
122	Arsalan Hussain	306	82.1
123	Andy Pritchard	300	81.7
124	Matthew Cotgreave	292	81
125	Steve Houghton	286	80.1
126	James Yacoub	285	79.6
127	Peter Adshead	265	77.5
128	John McLeod	264	77.1
129	George Metcalf	257	76.2
130	Gary Potts	253	76
131	Ian Constable	235	74.3
132	Paul Landreth	215	72.3
133	Emma Robinson	215	72.3
134	Daniel Smith	194	70.5
135	Lewis Ward	190	70.1
136	Sarah Vickers	187	69.5
137	Sam Mullock	170	67.4
138	Charlotte White	148	64.8
139	Andy Wyatt	146	64.6
140	Robert Nash	138	63.9
141	James Saxton	112	59.1
142	Ian Metcalf	63	50.7

Position	Name	Monkeys beaten	Points
143	**John-Henry Paul**	37	44.3
144	**Chris Rose**	12	33.8
145	**Graham Hutchings**	7	30.2
146	**Steve Higginbottom**	7	30