



Bulletin 11 – 26 May 2017

Welcome to the eleventh and final bulletin of the Monkey League 2016/17 Season!

Winners and Losers

After finishing rock bottom of the Monkey Premier League last season, Chelsea completed a complete turnaround this season to take home the Monkey League Premier League Title after leading the pack for most of the season. In a complete reverse, last year's winners Leicester have gone from hero to zero, as their improvement in the second half of the season was not enough to lift them from the bottom of the table.

A dramatic last day of the season in the Championship meant that Reading pipped Huddersfield and Brighton to the Monkey League Championship, with only 2 points separating the top three. At the other end of the table, Rotherham remained in last spot, as they have done for most of the season. Next year, they will be joined by Blackburn and Wigan in League One.

With the League One season already over, Millwall celebrated their return to the Championship, joining Bolton and Sheffield United. The Lions scored a late winner at Wembley in the playoff final, leaving a bitterly disappointed Bradford to another season in League One.

On the final day of the season, it was Portsmouth who lifted the League Two title after Plymouth and Doncaster failed to win. However, it was Plymouth who took home the all important Monkey League Two title. Blackpool and Exeter will battle for the final League One space at Wembley on Sunday. At the other end of the table, Leyton Orient finished clear losers, finishing a long way from anyone else. It is The O's and Hartlepool who are relegated from League Two this year, swapping places with Lincoln City and Forest Green Rovers, who will play in the football league again for the first time in 20 years.

The Monkey League Results

Now to the moment you've all been waiting for, the winners of the Monkey League 2016/17 Season are:

In first place, becoming the first player ever to win the Monkey League for a second time, is **Craig Walker**. Huge congratulations to Craig who has led the pack for almost the entire season.

Second and third place go to **Dylan O'Reilly** and **Liam McElligott**.

This year's winner of the Wooden Spoon, is Manchester's own **Aaron Love**.

The best newcomer to the Monkey League this year was **Jonathan Hugh**, finishing in a commendable 5th place.

Quotes of the Week

"Sorry I am late, but Tony Pulis is Tony Pulis and red wine is red wine!" was the excuse Pep Guardiola gave after arriving late to his post-match press conference

Everyone's favourite pundit Garth Crooks said "This isn't Hollywood", after he was less than impressed with John Terry's 26th minute guard of honour in his final game for the champions Chelsea. The incident is now being investigated by the FA, after bookmakers paid out thousands of pounds following Terry's farwell.

An end of season note from the man behind the Monkey League calculations, Colin Freeman, said, "While the Jeff Stelling fans might be sorry to hear the news of Hartlepool's demise – especially after his celebration on Soccer Saturday after he thought they had saved themselves – it must be remembered that Hartlepool are known as the Monkey Hangers. So forgive us if, here at Monkey Towers, not too many tears were shed."

News in Brief

Manchester United defeated Ajax in the Europa League Final on Wednesday night, following an underwhelming Ajax performance. The 2-0 victory completes the trophy cabinet for United, and marks José Mourinho's fourth major European title.

A number of managers have resigned since the end of the Season, including David Moyes, Marco Silva, Walter Mazzarri and Sam Allardyce. It looks like this could be the end of Big Sam's Managerial career after helping Crystal Palace avoid relegation. Big Sam has never been relegated in his career, and if this was his last job, he will surely be remembered for his 100% win record with England.

Question of the Bulletin

In the last bulletin, we asked who is the only player who has scored a hat-trick in all of the top 4 English divisions, the League Cup, the FA Cup and for their country?

The answer of course, was Robert Earnshaw. Neil Kennedy managed to get this one right.

Thanks again to all who took part in this year's Monkey League. See you in August!

James Allen

Results

Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
1	Craig Walker	993	296.0
2	Dylan O'Reilly	974	263.2
3	Liam McElligott	971	256.7
4	Paul Landreth	969	255.4
5	Jonathan Hugh	962	248.9
6	Helen Butters	959	242.5
7	Adrian Marchant	937	219.4
8	Dom Thurlow	932	216.4
9	Chris Goodwin	926	212.5
10	Darrell Hearne	926	212.2
11	Marcus Johansson	921	207.8
12	Nicola Moore	901	201.1
13	Rob Young	885	197.1
14	Colin Freeman	884	196.4
15	Chris Marson	882	195.7
16	Jenny Dean	877	192.1
17	Alex Mumford	867	189.2
18	Mark Sadler	854	183.3
19	Darren Goodall	850	180.6
20	Caroline Fairclough	844	177.5
21	Tejas Dholakia	841	176.9
22	Graham Edmonds	834	173.8
23	James Hilton	832	173.3
24	Kay Williamson	822	169.5
25	Esther Goldberg	821	169.2
26	Adam Lacey	816	167.3
27	Eddie Hopkins	814	166.5
28	Brendan O'Connor	807	163.8



Position	Name	Monkeys Beaten	Points
29	Jane Boorman	797	161.3
30	Rob Hammond	795	161.0
31	Stephen Kilgannon	794	160.4
32	Matthew Boulton	778	157.5
33	John Hope	774	155.9
34	Indi Rehman	772	155.3
35	Simon Holderness	763	153.4
36	Wendy Ludman	762	152.7
37	Annie Targett	749	147.1
38	Matt Such	749	147.0
39	Philip Daggart	746	145.8
40	Tim Barlow	740	144.7
41	Paul Devine	726	141.6
42	Dan Jinks	722	141.1
43	Raven Swaine	704	139.0
44	Andy Britton	704	138.1
45	Ross Smith	700	137.2
46	James Hancock	689	135.8
47	Max Mauchline	666	131.7
48	Lizzy Cook	661	130.6
49	John Small	658	129.9
50	Cristina Brebenar	639	124.6
51	Lesley Denny	638	124.5
52	Phil Sargent	638	124.3
53	David Bramham	614	119.2
54	Martin Cable	612	117.5
55	Lance Havell	611	117.0
56	Stuart Briely	603	115.1
57	Becky Thompson	602	114.9
58	George Kirrin	588	111.5
59	Carl Fletcher	588	111.4
60	Katharine Rawson	587	111.2
61	George Bilsby	581	109.8
62	Tom Mann	572	108.6
63	Toni Johnson	560	107.2
64	Phil McEvoy	559	107.0
65	Mike Bowen	558	106.7
66	Chris Webb	551	106.1
67	Richard Lunt	548	105.3
68	Gary Jones	546	104.9
69	Bill Hibbard	535	102.7
70	Alan Smith	532	102.3
71	Graeme Denny	527	100.6
72	Dale Walmsley	482	92.9
73	Tim Jones	479	92.4
74	Manjula Satheesan	468	90.4
75	Ashara Peiris	461	89.3
76	Christine Smith	442	87.0
77	Stan Hutchinson	434	85.4
78	Emma Fairclough	433	85.1
79	Leon Pachner	427	83.8
80	James Allen	426	83.8
81	Dean Credland	426	83.7



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82	Mark Warnes	424	83.2
83	Andrew Hall	421	82.9
84	Nicole Dobson	410	80.9
85	Mike Booth	409	80.5
86	Paul Marriott	404	79.3
87	Chris Daniels	396	78.3
88	Philip Mann	389	76.9
89	Neil Kennedy	382	75.2
90	Jenny McLaughlan	371	73.2
91	Henry Tapper	371	73.1
92	Peter Norman	365	72.1
93	Tony Barnard	356	70.2
94	Richard Buck	348	68.0
95	Kester Young	344	66.7
96	Craig Moran	341	66.0
97	Chris Chivers	341	66.0
98	Joshua Dade	330	62.7
99	Chris Williams	325	61.6
100	Mike Harrison	316	60.6
101	Robin Holderness	283	53.3
102	Tim Poil	261	46.4
103	Keith Williams	254	45.0
104	Stephen Moorse	249	43.7
105	Charles Goddard	246	43.4
106	Bill Delaney	245	42.6
107	Robert Lamb	241	40.6
108	Steve Higginbottom	241	40.6
109	Simon Redfern	235	39.7
110	Emma Robinson	201	33.2
111	Claire Hibbard	193	31.3
112	Huaiyao Yu	191	30.9
113	Andrew Pritchard	174	26.6
114	Katie Fairclough	161	24.1
115	Declan Keohane	161	24.1
116	Stephen Fairclough	159	23.2
117	Mel Wilson	152	20.8
118	Stewart Knowles	149	17.9
119	Roger Arnold	142	16.6
120	Martin Blades	137	14.7
121	David St. Cyr	133	13.3
122	Peter Shellswell	130	10.0
123	Missie McLean	121	6.5
124	Andy Yates	99	-1.4
125	Steve Short	90	-8.8
126	Sean Delaney	69	-21.5
127	James Smith	63	-26.4
128	Elizabeth Aylott	46	-38.6
129	Duncan Carter	33	-50.3
130	Stuart Ainsworth	28	-54.3
131	Scott Harrison	15	-70.1
132	Aaron Love	8	-109.1