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PREMIER LEAGUE GUIDE



Never mind the Euros...

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ARE you over it yet? Have you managed to shake off those England Euros blues?

It's time to forget that international pain and get back to good old club football with our essential 32-page guide to the Premier League season — packed full of stats and analysis of the 20 teams who will contest the game's greatest domestic competition.

The fun gets going on Friday when Manchester United host Fulham in the opener.

And for one weekend we can all dream about winning the trophy before, for most of us, reality kicks in.

Of course, the cream will ultimately rise to the

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HEAD OF SPORT

top but there must surely come a time when Manchester City — chasing a ridiculous fifth title in a row — are deposed.

There will be plenty of Englishmen with points to prove such as Marcus Rashford, James Maddison and Jack Grealish who were left out of Gareth Southgate's squad for the Euros.

And, while Cole Palmer, Ollie Watkins and Ivan Toney all had their moments in Germany, they will want to show why they should be

England starters when the 2026 World Cup comes round.

No doubt they will look on enviously as Spanish ace Rodri struts his stuff in City's midfield having been named the player of the tournament as his nation were crowned the champions at the Three Lions' expense.

Sun readers rightly expect exceptional football coverage from our top team and we promise to deliver in print and online, bringing you all the ups and downs of what promises to be a fascinating season.

Forget the rest and stick with the best. Enjoy the new season.

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PREM STARTS

Fri Aug 16

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PREM ENDS

Sun May 25

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CAN anybody stop Pep Guardiola's Manchester City juggernaut?

After an unprecedented fourth successive English top-flight title, and sixth in the last seven years, the Etihad side are starting to feel unstoppable — at least on the pitch.

City's domination of the Premier League is beginning to mirror Paris Saint-Germain's monopoly in France and the stranglehold Bayern Munich held on the Bundesliga until Harry Kane turned up.

English football needs a new champion. But are there any realistic contenders?

Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool — in the Covid-blighted season of 2019-20 — are the only team to deny City the crown in those past seven years.

But now the charismatic German has headed for a sabbatical in Majorca, it will be a tough ask for new boss Arne Slot to replicate Klopp's 'mentality monsters' era.

Like David Moyes at Manchester United or Unai Emery at Arsenal, it's never easy to be the man who replaces 'The Man'.

Back-to-back runners-up, Mikel Arteta's Arsenal must now be desperate to go one better.

They have improved in every full season under the Spaniard. This time it is either the title or decline.

Across Manchester, Erik ten Hag aims to transform United after the surprise stay of execution earned by his side's FA Cup final victory over City.

Equally surprising was Chelsea's parting from Mauricio Pochettino and

appointment of Enzo Maresca from Leicester.

Everyone seems to want a Guardiola disciple in charge these days — Arteta, Maresca, even Vincent Kompany at Bayern, all worked under the Etihad chief.

Tottenham slumped late last season after an outstanding start under Ange Postecoglou, with the Aussie complaining

of 'fragile foundations'. Might he be the latest Spurs boss to implode?

Emery's Aston Villa will play at the top table of European club football for the first time in more than four decades.

But can they juggle the demands of Champions League and domestic football?

And will Newcastle return to contention after



Who will rain on City's parade?

A DIFFERENT CHAMPION BUT...



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CONTENDERS READY

	LAST SEASON	POINTS BEHIND	MANCHESTER CITY	LAST TITLE
	2nd	▼ 2		2004
	3rd	▼ 9		2020
	4th	▼ 23		1981
	5th	▼ 25		1961
	6th	▼ 28		2017
	7th	▼ 31		1927
	8th	▼ 31		2013



MOST LEAGUE TITLES IN EUROPE IN LAST DECADE (SINCE 2014-15)

Bayern Munich (Germany)	9
Celtic (Scotland)	9
PSG (France)	8
MAN CITY (England)	6
Juventus (Italy)	6
Malmo (Sweden)	6
Club Brugge (Belgium)	6
Barcelona (Spain)	5
Benfica (Portugal)	5
Copenhagen (Denmark)	5
Real Madrid (Spain)	4
PSV (Holland)	4

a season of regression for Eddie Howe's Geordie Arabia project?

Expect new characters in the Premier League managerial cast — like Brighton's 31-year-old German Fabian Hurzeler and Kieran McKenna, the Northern Irishman who led Ipswich back to the top flight after a 22-year wait.

Yet the main challenge to City may come from

men in suits, not football boots. In November, an independent disciplinary committee is finally set to hear the 115 charges of financial wrongdoing against the champions by the Premier League.

That hearing is likely to go on for weeks, with a verdict unlikely until the spring, with City facing anything from complete vindication to relegation.



ARSENAL

STADIUM/ **EMIRATES STADIUM**

CAPACITY/ **60,704**



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Bukayo
SAKA
Midfielder **£6m**

A Dream Team mainstay – finished fourth overall in our fantasy competition last time with 363 points.

THIRD time lucky? Mikel Arteta will certainly hope so.

Arsenal have finished second behind Manchester City in the last two seasons despite being top for long periods.

Many wonder if the Gunners have missed the chance to topple Pep Guardiola's side but stats suggest it is only a matter of time before they

lift their first English title since 2004.

Arteta's Arsenal had the league's best defence last term, the most clean sheets and racked up 89 points – their highest tally since Arsene Wenger's Invincibles.

David Raya proved his worth in goal and signed for £27million from Brentford after a season-long loan.

William Saliba and

Gabriel are one of the Prem's best centre-back duos and are now joined by £42m Italian Riccardo Calafiori.

Declan Rice and Martin Odegaard are formidable in midfield, while Kai Havertz silenced his doubters.

Survive early trips to Aston Villa, Spurs and City and maybe it will finally be Arsenal's time.

JORDAN DAVIES

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Thierry Henry

175
GOALS

1999-2007 & 2012



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Ray Parlour

333
GAMES

1992-2004



DID YOU KNOW?

Arsenal have a 3pm Saturday start for the first time since 2013 – the year Peaky Blinders aired.



ASTON VILLA



STADIUM/**VILLA PARK**

CAPACITY/**42,640**

ASTON VILLA turn 150 years old in November and, boy, do they have plenty to celebrate.

After so long in the doldrums, the club is punching its weight again.

Villa will again compete in the Champions League, 42 years after they won the old European Cup.

No one expects them to repeat that famous feat.

But with Euro expert Unai Emery in charge, fans feel anything is possible — with good reason.

Don't be surprised if the four-times Europa League winner takes a new-look Villa to the knockout stage of the new-look competition.

Emery leading Villa to fourth last term was arguably the managerial display of the campaign.

Douglas Luiz was sold to Juventus to avoid any financial strife and Villa have signed well — from £5million bargain Ross Barkley to £50m Amadou Onana.

And as a birthday party beckons, expect fireworks on and off the pitch.

GRAEME BRYCE



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Ollie **WATKINS**

Striker **£6m**

Breakthrough act at the Euros, not that he was any great secret. Played 53 times last season, netting 27 goals.

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Gabriel Agbonlahor

74
GOALS

2006-16



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Gareth Barry

365
GAMES

1998-2009



DID YOU KNOW?

Ollie Watkins' two hat-tricks last season matched Andy Gray's feat for Aston Villa in 1976-77.



BOURNEMOUTH



STADIUM/**VITALITY STADIUM**

CAPACITY/**11,307**

AFTER a stellar first season in English football, Andoni Iraola will be looking to break new ground with Bournemouth.

The Spanish boss transformed the Cherries into one of the Prem's most exciting sides to watch last season.

While they have lost a key figure in Lloyd Kelly at the back, there will be plenty of confidence the South Coast club can better their 12th-place finish and club-record points tally of 48 from last term.

Key to that will be their superb attacking talent — and tying down winger Antoine Semenyo to a new deal was crucial.

American owner Bill Foley drew criticism for making the call to axe Gary O'Neil in favour of Iraola a year ago but it has paid off superbly.

Foley is happy to dip into his pockets to further push the project.

The full signing of £13million Turkey striker Enes Unal adds depth up front, though he'll hope for more than the two goals he hit in the second half of last season.

JACK ROSSER



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Dominic **SOLANKE**

Striker **£4m**

Solanke's 21 goals helped the Cherries surprise a few. A cheap but prolific alternative in fantasy football.

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Josh King

48
GOALS

2015-20



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Adam Smith

208
GAMES

2015-present



DID YOU KNOW?

Erase the first nine games of last season and Andoni Iraola's side would have finished sixth.



BRENTFORD



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CAPACITY/ **17,250**



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Yoane **WISSA**

Striker **£2.5m**

With Ivan Toney banned, Wissa thrived. 170 points and a Dream Team price that frees up funds.

BRENTFORD had a bit of a reality check last season.

Promoted to the top flight in 2021, they have punched well above their weight — with fans even dreaming of Europe at times.

Another bright start last term saw them ninth by the beginning of November.

But Thomas Frank's Bees lost 14 of their next 18

and nose-dived into a relegation battle, only steadying the ship in April.

A £30million deal for forward Igor Thiago from Club Brugge was sealed in February as the Bees looked to move on from the Ivan Toney betting drama.

But the 6ft 2in Brazilian, 22, suffered a knee injury during pre-season, disrupting

Frank's plans for the new campaign after he had given him the No9 shirt.

Boss Frank was in high demand himself in the summer as his camp held talks with Chelsea and Manchester United.

Brentford will be pleased he is still at the helm — but he needs his players to match his ambition.

ISABELLE BARKER

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Ivan Toney

36 GOALS

2021-present



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Vitaly Janelt

104 GAMES

2021-present



DID YOU KNOW?

Brentford's last relegation was in May 2007, the month Rihanna's Umbrella hit No1.



BRIGHTON

STADIUM/ **AMERICAN EXPRESS STADIUM**

CAPACITY/ **32,500**



BRIGHTON have already made history this season by appointing Fabian Hurzeler.

The Texas-born German, 31, is the youngest-ever permanent Premier League boss, having signed a deal with the Seagulls until 2027.

Brighton will hope to have unearthed another managerial gem after Roberto De Zerbi's meteoric rise.

Hurzeler is a fan of the Italian and adopts his innovations, like defenders drawing opponents in.

De Zerbi felt Brighton owner Tony Bloom and the hierarchy should have invested more in the January transfer window as injuries hit last season's attempt to balance domestic and Euro duties.

It marked the beginning of the end for De Zerbi's reign but fans can be assured Bloom has always been prepared for life without him.

The professional gambler once said: "I believe in betting aggressively and occasionally, to win big, you have to risk losing."

ISABELLE BARKER



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Joao **PEDRO**

Striker **£3.5m**

Scorer of ten penalties last season and he has only missed one in his career. That's Dream Team gold.

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS
Pascal Gross
30 GOALS
2017-2024



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES
Lewis Dunk
241 GAMES
2017-present



DID YOU KNOW?
Fabian Hurzeler's no dinosaur. But he was born in 1993, the year Jurassic Park came out.



CHELSEA

STADIUM/ **STAMFORD BRIDGE**

CAPACITY/ **40,343**



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Cole **PALMER**

Midfielder **£6m**

Nailed-on fantasy points machine. Averaged eight a game after joining Chelsea and ended with 368 in total.

IT must be summer — Chelsea have a new manager.

Enzo Maresca is the fifth since the club changed hands in May 2022. The whims of owners Behdad Eghbali and Todd Boehly are as predictable as the weather.

The Italian ditched promoted Leicester to try to transform a high-quality bunch of

individuals into a unified squad.

There have been wholesale changes at all levels.

Mauricio Pochettino left by mutual consent and head of the academy Neil Bath is out after 30 years.

A raft of young South American talent is in, plus Aston Villa midfielder Omari Kellyman and Villarreal keeper

Filip Jorgensen. But pre-season was overshadowed by the Enzo Fernandez race row.

The owners want regular Champions League football and the Prem title.

Maresca has asked that people 'trust the process' — and give him time.

Which is precisely what Pochettino pleaded for.

ANDREW DILLON

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Frank Lampard

147
GOALS

2001-14



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

John Terry

492
GAMES

1998-2017



DID YOU KNOW?

Cole Palmer's 33 Prem goal involvements beat Hasselbaink's Blues' debut-season record of 32.



CRYSTAL PALACE

STADIUM/ **SELHURST PARK**

CAPACITY/ **25,486**



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Jean-Philippe MATETA

Striker **£3.5m**

Few could have forecast his renaissance. But by the end of the season he was averaging 13 points a game.

THERE was a late Oliver twist for Crystal Palace last season as their new Austrian boss turned them into world-beaters out of nowhere.

Oliver Glasner is unlikely to face great expectations from Eagles fans given he has lost one of his main characters.

Michael Olise was pivotal as they won six of an

unbeaten final seven Prem games, netting a brilliant double in May's 4-0 demolition of Manchester United.

But the French ace was sold to Bayern Munich for £50million as his talents demanded an elite stage.

Former Eintracht Frankfurt chief Glasner has been boosted by some arrivals, though.

Japan playmaker

Daichi Kamada — who Glasner worked with at Frankfurt — is among them having left Lazio on a free.

Selhurst Park was bouncing in the final few months of last season as fans loved Glasner's thrilling style after the pragmatic fare of predecessor Roy Hodgson. But can they keep it up?

TOM BARCLAY

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Wilfried Zaha

68
GOALS

2014-23



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Joel Ward

304
GAMES

2013-present



DID YOU KNOW?

Mateta hit Palace's first home top-flight treble since The Elephant Man was top film in '80.



EVERTON

STADIUM/ **GOODISON PARK**

CAPACITY/ **39,414**



GOODISON PARK is set to close its turnstiles for the last time on May 18 after the visit of Southampton.

Toffees fans will hope that penultimate game of the league season is only about bidding farewell to Everton's 133-year home.

And not saying goodbye to their Prem status after a succession of near misses.

Nobody wants to be playing Championship football when their new 52,888-capacity Bramley-Moore Dock stadium opens in a year's time.

Boss Sean Dyche was last season's manager of the year for many - keeping his side up after eight points were docked for breaches of Profit and Sustainability Rules.

All amid the backdrop of an ownership crisis.

Dyche has added Iliman Ndiaye, Jake O'Brien and Jesper Lindstrom among others.

And he will feel he has instilled a stronger mentality at a club craving some sort of consistency.

KEN LAWRENCE



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Jordan **PICKFORD**

Keeper **£3.5m**

Kept an impressive 13 clean sheets last season, just one keeper bettered that — Arsenal's David Raya (16).

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Romelu Lukaku

68
GOALS

2013-17



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Seamus Coleman

364
GAMES

2009-present



DID YOU KNOW?

Only the top three conceded fewer Prem goals than Sean Dyche's Everton last season (51).



FULHAM

STADIUM/**CRAVEN COTTAGE**

CAPACITY/**28,500**



AUGUST

- 16 Man Utd..... (A)
- 24 Leicester..... (H)
- 31 Ipswich..... (A)

SEPTEMBER

- 14 West Ham..... (H)
- 21 Newcastle..... (H)
- 28 Nottm Forest.. (A)

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- 5 Man City..... (A)
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- 26 Everton..... (A)

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Antonee ROBINSON

Defender **£3m**

Unsung hero at the Cottage, the American broke the 200-point mark in Dream Team last time.

FULHAM fans will hope something bigger is on the horizon this term.

They have lived a comfortable mid-table life in the Prem for two seasons now.

Too good to go down but a long way from troubling the European places.

Surely, the Khan family ownership and boss Marco Silva have got the

minerals for bigger achievements.

Fulham reached the Carabao Cup semi-finals last term but supporters are getting twitchy.

The Cottagers have not been helped by midfield maestro Joao Palhinha sealing a £43.2million transfer to Bayern Munich last month.

But it is not all doom and gloom as Palhinha's sale

hints to a more sustainable club business model.

For a long time Fulham nurtured gems through their ranks only to sell them for peanuts. Harvey Elliott (£4m) and Fabio Carvalho (£5m) to Liverpool were two big examples.

But, in two years, they more than doubled a £17m outlay on Palhinha.

ISABELLE BARKER

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Clint Dempsey

50
GOALS

2007-12



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Brede Hangeland

217
GAMES

2008-14



DID YOU KNOW?

88 Englishmen netted in the Prem last season but only one was from Fulham, Tosin Adarabioyo.



IPSWICH TOWN



STADIUM/ **PORTMAN ROAD**

CAPACITY/ **29,673**

THE 'swich has well and truly been flicked in Suffolk.

After 22 years of fumbling around in the EFL darkness, Ipswich have emerged into the Premier League light rewired and rebooted.

Boss Kieran McKenna is the man responsible for creating the buzz, having taken the Tractor Boys from League One to the promised land in 2½ years.

And now he has signed a new deal after links with Chelsea, Manchester United and Brighton, there is optimism Town can stay up.

McKenna will stick to his beliefs, so expect free-flowing football, bravery on the ball, high levels of organisation and a plethora of late goals.

Rival fans accused Ipswich of being lucky last season having rescued 32 points from losing positions — more than anyone else.

Yet luck had nothing to do with it, they were tactically astute, ran more and never ever gave up.

Whether that is enough in the Prem remains to be seen.

But the early arrival of Omari Hutchinson, Liam Delap and Jacob Greaves suggests they are not here to make up the numbers.

PHIL BRYANT



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Leif **DAVIS**

Defender **£2.5m**

Whisper it but this guy could be the bargain of the season. An impressive 18 assists in the Championship.

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Marcus Stewart

25
GOALS

2000-02



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

David Linighan

112
GAMES

1992-95



DID YOU KNOW?

Ipswich's Jason Dozzell is still the top flight's youngest scorer at 16 years, 57 days v Coventry in 1984.

HAUL O

Only 11 bosses
Prem and
them is



Sir Alex Ferguson



Arsene Wenger



Carlo Ancelotti



Sir Kenny Dalglish



Jose Mourinho



Roberto Mancini

IT'S the trophy that has eluded every English manager ... the Premier League.

In 32 seasons of the Prem, not a single English boss has won their domestic league.

You have to go all the way back to 1992 to find the last homegrown winner, Howard Wilkinson, who led Leeds to the old First Division title in the

last season before the Prem. Only 11 managers have lifted the new trophy since.

Scots Alex Ferguson and Kenny Dalglish, Italians Carlo Ancelotti, Roberto Mancini, Claudio Ranieri and Antonio Conte, Frenchman Arsene Wenger, Portuguese Jose Mourinho, Chilean Manuel Pellegrini, German Jurgen Klopp and Spaniard Pep Guardiola.



OF FAME

have won the
not one of
English!



Manuel Pellegrini



Antonio Conte



Pep Guardiola



Claudio Ranieri



Jurgen Klopp



Howard Wilkinson

ENGLISH TITLE-WINNING BOSSES SINCE 1980

-  Howard Wilkinson (Leeds) **1991-92**
-  Howard Kendall (Everton) **1986-87**
-  Howard Kendall (Everton) **1984-85**
-  Joe Fagan (Liverpool) **1983-84**
-  Bob Paisley (Liverpool) **1982-83**
-  Bob Paisley (Liverpool) **1981-82**
-  Ron Saunders (Aston Villa) **1980-81**
-  Bob Paisley (Liverpool) **1979-80**

Here's the
last home
winner! ↗



LEICESTER CITY



STADIUM/**KING POWER STADIUM**

CAPACITY/**32,261**



AUGUST	
19	Tottenham.....(H)
24	Fulham.....(A)
31	Aston Villa.....(H)
SEPTEMBER	
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Stephy
MAVIDIDI
Midfielder **£2.5m**

If you need a cheap option, a man who conjured 13 goals and six assists should be on your fantasy radar.

IT'S difficult to say who is more startled to find Steve Cooper in charge of Leicester — the Welshman or Foxes fans!

Enzo Maresca leading the club back to the top flight in his first season in charge came at a price.

The Italian was head-hunted by Chelsea, leaving the Championship winners needing a

replacement. And Cooper's record is impressive.

He can boast a World Cup success with England — at Under-17 level.

And he produced a minor miracle ending Nottingham Forest's 23-year Prem exile.

But it's that link with fierce East Midlands rivals Forest that leaves Foxes fans wary.

Cooper is a

grafter who takes pride in connecting with supporters so he will hope to win over sceptics.

But he has a tough task ahead.

Maresca took star midfielder Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall to Stamford Bridge and the Foxes went into the summer fearing a ten-point PSR rap.

Cooper could earn hero status just keeping them up.

GRAEME BRYCE

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS
Jamie Vardy
136 GOALS
2014-present



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES
Jamie Vardy
307 GAMES
2014-present



DID YOU KNOW?

Leicester play Forest in the Prem for the first time since the week of Notting Hill's 1999 release.



LIVERPOOL

STADIUM/**ANFIELD**

CAPACITY/**61,276**



JURGEN KLOPP led the Kop in a song of praise for Arne Slot on May's emotional final day in charge.

All very uplifting and a nice gesture from the departing boss.

But Klopp was, of course, the manager who ended Liverpool's 30-year wait for a title in 2019-20.

The German also guided the club to a sixth Champions League crown the year before.

He left as a sainted figure thanks to his Prem victory especially — and while Slot has been smiling a lot, deep down he will know that being Klopp's successor is fraught with danger.

The Dutchman insists there is 'room to improve' a squad that last season hit the wall after winning the Carabao Cup.

Getting a tune out of £64million hit-and-miss-miss-miss striker Darwin Nunez would be a start.

Newly-promoted Ipswich host the Reds on Slot's competitive debut and if he passes that test, the fans will see life after Klopp.

If not, they may need some convincing...

KEN LAWRENCE



LAST SEASON 3rd

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AUGUST

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Trent

ALEXANDER-ARNOLD

Defender **£5.5m**

Forget the defensive debate and any England inquest, Trent brings Dream Team points to the table.

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Mo Salah
155 GOALS

2017-present



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Jamie Carragher
508 GAMES

1997-2013



DID YOU KNOW?

Liverpool had more Saturday 12.30pm Prem games than any other team last season (6).



MANCHESTER CITY



STADIUM/ **ETIHAD STADIUM**

CAPACITY/ **53,400**



AUGUST

- 18 Chelsea.....(A)
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Phil **FODEN**

Midfielder **£6.5m**

Haaland is no longer the Dream Team king. Instead, Foden was leading scorer last season with 392 points.

NOTHING lasts for ever and after eight glittering years Manchester City are heading into what look like uncertain times.

Even away from the saga of boss Pep Guardiola's long-term future, the four-in-a-row title winners face the spectre of the 115 Premier League charges hanging over them.

A verdict will be

due at some point in the season.

City's brilliance is undeniable but can their squad deal with off-pitch issues and do it all again?

Don't bet against them. Guardiola will want to add to his huge trophy haul whatever the circumstances.

The arrival of Brazilian winger Savinho, 20, began City's summer

business but keeping hold of as many seasoned winners as possible will arguably be seen as more important.

Pretenders to their throne may see a glimmer of hope. But Pep and Co won't give up the Prem trophy — which has gone to the Etihad in six of the last seven years — without a fight.

MARTIN BLACKBURN

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Sergio Aguero

184
GOALS

2011-21



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

David Silva

309
GAMES

2010-20



DID YOU KNOW?

City didn't lose at home in the Prem last season for the first time since the Aguero-o-o side in 11-12.



MANCHESTER UNITED



STADIUM/ **OLD TRAFFORD**

CAPACITY/ **75,454**

WHAT a difference an FA Cup makes.

In the lead-up to last May's final, Manchester United were on the floor — staring at a high-profile hammering against Prem champs and neighbours City.

The manager was on his way out and the fans were as low as they had been at any point since Sir Alex Ferguson left back in 2013.

One man tried to stay positive. Boss Erik ten Hag believed they could win, convinced his team of the same — and they pulled off a stunning 2-1 victory.

The make-up of the second goal, teed up by Bruno Fernandes and finished by Kobbie Mainoo, still has Red Devils fans purring.

Suddenly, despite an eighth-placed Premier League finish, optimism flooded through the ranks.

The fans wanted the manager to stay and new owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe had to change his plans and keep the Dutchman on.

A new coaching staff and early signings — like Joshua Zirkzee and Leny Yoro — have really stoked belief around the club.

NEIL CUSTIS



LAST SEASON 8th

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AUGUST

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Bruno **FERNANDES**

Midfielder **£6m**

Divides opinion but you can't deny he delivers the goods... 15 goals and 13 assists last term to be exact.

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Wayne Rooney

183 GOALS

2004-17



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Ryan Giggs

632 GAMES

1992-2014



DID YOU KNOW?

The previous time a minus goal difference was in Vogue at United, Madonna was singing it in 1990.





NEWCASTLE UNITED



STADIUM/ST JAMES' PARK

CAPACITY/52,305



MONTH	OPPONENT	RESULT
AUGUST		
17	Southampton..(H)	
25	Bournemouth..(A)	
SEPTEMBER		
1	Tottenham.....(H)	
15	Wolves.....(A)	
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Anthony **GORDON**

Midfielder **£4.5m**

As long as he doesn't fall off his bike again, expect big numbers from the England winger.

PRESSURE may be ramped up on Eddie Howe to deliver after the Saudis upped their Toon ownership stake this summer.

The Newcastle boss struggled to keep the buzz last season after 2023's Carabao Cup final and top-four finish.

Despite a string of injury problems, they did enjoy a strong run-in and

wound up in the Prem's top seven.

After Champions League nights made a euphoric return to St James' Park last term, the Magpies have no European football to distract them now as they look to break back into the top four.

That would be deemed a success in the boardroom but it is a trophy that the supporters

are craving more than ever after a 55-year wait.

If Howe could deliver the FA Cup or Carabao Cup he would enjoy legendary status on Tyneside.

But a campaign like the last one will undoubtedly lead to questions over his future, despite the love that the fans have for him.

GARY STONEHOUSE

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Alan Shearer

148
GOALS

1996-2006



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Shay Given

354
GAMES

1997-2009



DID YOU KNOW?

Newcastle have more top-four PL finishes with English bosses (4 including Keegan) than anyone.



NOTTINGHAM FOREST



STADIUM/CITY GROUND

CAPACITY/30,455

NOTTINGHAM FOREST will be hoping for a much calmer season.

Nuno Espirito Santo walked into a madhouse when he replaced Steve Cooper in December.

Forest had one win in 13 and then lost five stars to the Africa Cup of Nations.

Worse followed with a four-point PSR deduction as the club dropped into the relegation zone.

Throw in a string of controversial refereeing calls and an ill-advised social-media post branding VAR Stuart Attwell a 'Luton fan' and Forest's season was close to imploding.

But Nuno held his nerve and with new keeper Matz Sels — signed in January — a steadying influence, they avoided the drop.

Nuno prefers to work with a tight-knit squad so 11 players were culled at the end of the campaign.

Additions this summer include midfielder Elliot Anderson from Newcastle and 6ft 8in Brazilian keeper Carlos Miguel.

But there will be no return to the chaotic days of their first summer back in the Prem when 23 new players arrived!

GRAEME BRYCE



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Morgan GIBBS-WHITE

Midfielder **£3.5m**

Forest's standout player last season and a mid-range midfield option that should yield fantasy points.

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Bryan Roy

24
GOALS

1994-97



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Steve Chettle

174
GAMES

1992-99



DID YOU KNOW?

It's Forest's third successive Prem season. Clough won five pots in the same time between 1977-80.



SOUTHAMPTON



STADIUM/ **ST MARY'S STADIUM**

CAPACITY/ **32,384**



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Adam **ARMSTRONG**

Striker **£2.5m**

Key player in Saints' promotion with 24 goals and 13 assists. No wonder he has a new contract.

SAINTS bounced straight back to the Prem last term but can they stay there?

The South Coast side's previous top-flight stint lasted 11 years, yet now it looks a much more difficult task.

Saints' owners have learned from their relegation season and looked to add more experience.

Former England

ace Adam Lallana, 36, returned to the club that started his senior career.

And fellow Prem regular Charlie Taylor, 30, arrives in defence. Both on free transfers.

Ben Brereton Diaz, 25, also signed for £7million while Flynn Downes made his loan permanent.

But Southampton's survival will rest on Russell Martin's

philosophy. His patient, possession-based style worked very well in the Championship but will be severely tested at this level.

There were signs at the end of last term that he was able to adapt to get over the line.

That pragmatism and sacrifice is going to come in handy if Saints are to stay up.

JACK ROSSER

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Matt Le Tissier

100 GOALS

1992-2002



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

James Ward-Prowse

343 GAMES

2012-23



DID YOU KNOW?

Saints have had two 9-0 Prem losses and two relegations but bizarrely not in the same seasons.



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR



STADIUM/TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR STADIUM CAPACITY/62,850

ANGE POSTECOGLOU has confidence his second season in charge will surpass his first.

If he is correct, Spurs fans are in for a treat.

The Aussie felt his side "lost their way" at the end of last term after five Prem defeats from their final seven but they still finished fifth playing some fabulous football — and without Harry Kane.

Kick on from there and supporters can be hopeful of a Champions League return or even ending their 16-year trophy famine.

Postecoglou is a big believer in giving youth a chance and has backed that up with two of his summer signings.

Blond bombshell Lucas Bergvall, 18, arrived from Swedish side Djurgarden.

They beat Barcelona to the signature of the Jude Bellingham-type midfielder who will add creativity and drive in the middle.

Spurs also parted with £30million plus Joe Rodon to prise midfielder Archie Gray, 18, from Leeds, where he was adored.

And Timo Werner returns on loan from RB Leipzig in what was a no-brainer deal.

TOM BARCLAY



AUGUST

- 19 Leicester.....(A)
- 24 Everton.....(H)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Newcastle.....(A)
- 15 Arsenal.....(H)
- 21 Brentford.....(H)
- 29 Man Utd.....(A)

OCTOBER

- 5 Brighton.....(A)
- 19 West Ham.....(H)
- 26 C Palace.....(A)

NOVEMBER

- 2 Aston Villa.....(H)
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- 30 Fulham.....(H)

DECEMBER

- 3 Bournemouth..(A)
- 7 Chelsea.....(H)
- 14 Southampton..(A)
- 21 Liverpool.....(H)
- 26 Nottm Forest..(A)
- 29 Wolves.....(H)

JANUARY

- 4 Newcastle.....(H)
- 14 Arsenal.....(A)
- 18 Everton.....(A)
- 25 Leicester.....(H)

FEBRUARY

- 1 Brentford.....(A)
- 15 Man Utd.....(H)
- 22 Ipswich.....(A)
- 25 Man City.....(H)

MARCH

- 8 Bournemouth..(H)
- 15 Fulham.....(A)

APRIL

- 2 Chelsea.....(A)
- 5 Southampton..(H)
- 12 Wolves.....(A)
- 19 Nottm Forest..(H)
- 26 Liverpool.....(A)

MAY

- 3 West Ham.....(A)
- 10 C Palace.....(H)
- 18 Aston Villa.....(A)
- 25 Brighton.....(H)



Son **HEUNG-MIN**

Striker **£5m**

With Harry Kane a distant memory, Son has stepped up. Captain, leader and potential fantasy legend.

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Harry Kane
213
GOALS
2012-23



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Hugo Lloris
361
GAMES
2012-23



DID YOU KNOW?

Archie Gray was born in March 2006 — when It's Chico Time topped the charts.



WEST HAM UNITED



STADIUM/ **LONDON STADIUM**

CAPACITY/ **62,500**



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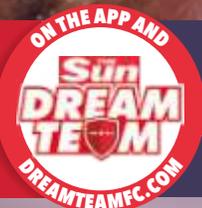
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Jarrod **BOWEN**

Striker **£5m**

Now classed as a striker for Dream Team purposes but still capable of matching his 300-point tally last time.

JULEN LOPETEGUI has arrived to bring a new era of exciting football to West Ham.

Well, that is the plan at least.

Hammers fans had tired of David Moyes' pragmatic style — leading to his May departure.

While the new Spanish chief will be tasked with creating a more attractive side in East London, his

first job must be to fix the defence. West Ham leaked a club-record 74 goals in the Prem last term.

Signing centre-back Max Kilman, in a £40million deal from Lopetegui's old club Wolves, was key for the new boss.

Kilman earned the captaincy from the former Spain and Real Madrid chief at Molineux

and was identified as a top target early on.

Another arrival — 18-year-old winger Luis Guilherme from Brazilian club Palmeiras for £25.5m — has also caused excitement.

A lack of depth out wide was an issue last term but Lopetegui will hope he has enough to target Europe in his first season.

JACK ROSSER

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Michaël Antonio

67 GOALS

2015-present



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Mark Noble

414 GAMES

2005-22



DID YOU KNOW?

Sixty PL teams have gone down having let in fewer goals than Moyes' men did last season (74).



WOLVES

STADIUM/**MOLINEUX**

CAPACITY/**31,750**



THE MOLINEUX side were installed as many people's favourites for the drop at the start of last season.

That was due to former boss Julen Lopetegui walking out days before the campaign began.

But an inspired decision to appoint Gary O'Neil proved the importance of good coaching.

For a while, Wolves even flirted with the prospect of European football.

Ultimately, they fell short but that was due to the frailties of a wafer-thin squad undermined by injuries to key players.

O'Neil won a lot of admirers securing Wolves' Prem status with two months of the season left.

The one stain on an otherwise impressive term came in the FA Cup where they were leading Coventry 2-1, seven minutes into injury time, before imploding to miss out on a Wembley semi-final against Manchester United.

Wolves sold skipper Max Kilman to West Ham to satisfy PSR demands but 6ft 4in Norwegian striker Jorgen Strand Larsen from Celta Vigo has added an attacking focal point.

GRAEME BRYCE



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Matheus **CUNHA**

Striker **£3.5m**

Has found his feet after a slow transition from the Bundesliga. Hat-trick against Chelsea proved his talent.

MOST PREM LEAGUE GOALS

Raul Jimenez

40 GOALS

2018-23



MOST PREM LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Ruben Neves

177 GAMES

2018-23



DID YOU KNOW?

Hwang was the first to net in six games in a row at Molineux since 1973, when Porridge aired.



AFTER A 22-YEAR ABSENCE



1962

ALF RAMSEY'S other finest hour — the title in Ipswich's first top-flight season.



1978

BOBBY ROBSON'S glory days. Wembley, Roger Osborne and the FA Cup.



1981

UEFA Cup kings, Town are still unbeaten at home in Europe to this day.

IT'S the club that gave us Ramsey and Robson.

Mariner, Mills and Muhren.

And now the name of McKenna is being mentioned in the same breath as those Ipswich legends.

After back-to-back promotions, Kieran McKenna has brought the good times back to Portman Road.

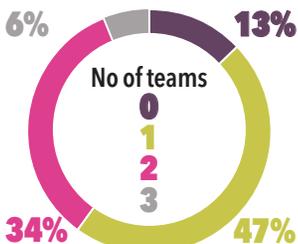
Even superstar fan and shirt sponsor Ed Sheeran has them down as his A Team.

Here, we look at Ipswich's past glories, starting with Alf Ramsey who won promotion and then the league title the very next season.

Surely history can't repeat itself?

I'm in love with the shape of Blue

STAYING UP? NUMBER OF PROMOTED TEAMS RELEGATED EACH SEASON



IPSWICH ARE BACK IN THE PREM



JOHN LYALL'S Division Two title win ensured a place in the first Premier League.



LAST time at Wembley, last time in the Prem after a play-off win over Barnsley.

2024

McKenna's men achieve lift-off



LEAGUE POINTS PER GAME OVER LAST 2 SEASONS

BIG 5 EURO LEAGUES & TOP 5 ENGLISH TIERS

	GAMES	PTS	PTS PER GAME
Man City	76	180	2.37
Arsenal	76	173	2.28
Barcelona	76	173	2.28
Real Madrid	76	173	2.28
PSG	72	161	2.24
Inter Milan	76	166	2.18
Wrexham	92	199	2.16
IPSWICH	92	194	2.11
B Munich	68	143	2.10
A Madrid	76	153	2.01
B Dortmund	68	134	1.97
Liverpool	76	149	1.96
RB Leipzig	68	131	1.93
AC Milan	76	145	1.91
Juventus	76	143	1.88
Napoli	76	143	1.88
Lens	72	135	1.88
Stockport	92	171	1.86
Monaco	72	132	1.83
Bolton	92	168	1.83
Derby	92	168	1.83
Notts County	92	168	1.83
Portsmouth	92	167	1.82



1992-93



1995-96



2000-01



2008-09



PREM SWINGOMETER

HOW THE SOUTH HAS GAINED A FOOTBALLING MAJORITY

THIS year has seen a dramatic swing in the country's landscape... the footballing landscape, that is.

The southern clubs now hold their biggest majority in the 32-year history of the Premier League.

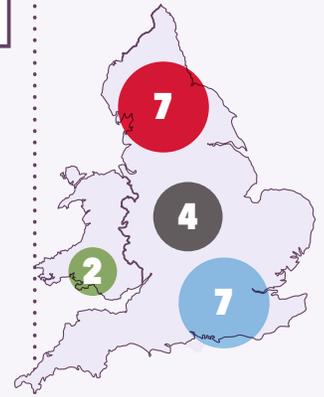
This season, 11 teams in the division will come from the south, making up 55 per cent of the Prem parliament.

But the north is left with just five representatives — the lowest it has ever been.

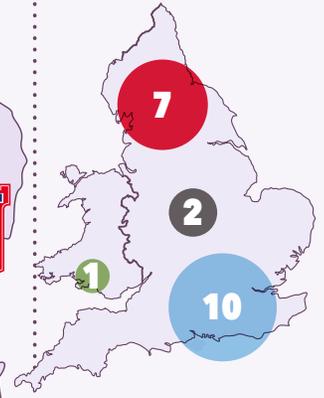
2010-11



2013-14



2018-19



2020-21



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