

Season 24/25 - Newsletter 18

International weekends have a history of being high scoring affairs, and Round 17 lived up to that history.

And in the main, that was without Banker Scores adding to points, as they were few and far between, but a few of the games scored highly overall, read on to discover which.

I did put a “commentator’s curse” on this weeks top scorer though. After mentioning they were 8 from 8 correct at the start of the round, they then went 1 from 4 in the remainder!!! Soz

18/11/2024 23:21:53	Score	The WolfPack	Addicks Fan	Muzzy's Allstars
GAMES & POINTS FOR RD 17		73.10	62.78	59.21
Germany vs Bosnia & Herzegovina	7 0	2 0	3 1 E	3 0
Netherlands vs Hungary	4 0	2 0	2 0 E	2 1
Georgia vs Ukraine	1 1	1 1	1 1	2 1
Turkey vs Wales	0 0	1 1	2 1	1 0
Sweden vs Slovakia	2 1	2 1	2 1	2 1
Italy vs France	1 3	1 1	1 1	2 1
Norway vs Kazakhstan	5 0	5 0	3 0 G	3 0 G
England vs Ireland	5 0	5 0	2 0 E	3 0 G
Finland vs Greece	0 2	0 2	1 1	0 2 E
Croatia vs Portugal	1 1	1 2	1 1	1 2
Poland vs Scotland	1 2	2 1	1 1	2 1
Spain vs Switzerland	3 2	3 1	2 1	3 0

The WolfPack scored an impressive 73.10 this round, which included 5 correct scores, amongst them both the 5-0 results on Sunday Evening.

No Bankers though... just imagine the impact they could have had

Addicks Fan had a strong round, as did Muzzy’s Allstars

At various points of the round, whilst updating scores, I saw them both over the 100 points mark, only for more goals to go in and see them both finish on the totals they have.

The Average this round was 38.82, and everyone finished in the black (can I say that or will the FA fine me). Worst score this round was 10.53, I won’t say who.

2 T’Wire took to the top of the table for the first time this season. They did lead for a long time last, before finishing second, after finishing second the season before.

Will it be third time lucky, still a long way to go.

The WolfPack’s total this round moved them up 4 places.

THE TABLE (CLICK 4 TABLE)	PTS	+/-
2 T'Wire	645.03	1
The Grooneys	638.04	-1
Bachman & Robin	621.60	
Wigstown Rovers	606.80	1
58 Years Of Hurt	602.54	-1
The WolfPack	597.98	4
Chips & Gravy	592.09	-1
Addicks Fan	589.50	1
Sutton Who ???	588.43	-2
I Did Warn You	574.62	1
Tumbledwyer	573.10	-3
Canada Knows Best	562.46	1

The Grand Prix is now into the final 9 rounds, ending with the Boxing Day Fixtures (which means we've 9 rounds coming up in a little over 5 weeks)

Remember it's "Pure Points" here, which ignores any additional points won by bankers, or points lost by bankers or wrong scores.

The WolfPack, as the didn't use bankers in the round, unsurprisingly, top scored here as well.

Super Maresca picked up the 18 points on offer for second place, SpursCollectables the 15 on offer for 3rd.

The WolfPack	74.10	1	Tumbledwyer	87	
Super Maresca	55.28	2	Chips & Gravy	74	
SpursCollectables	49.77	3	Muzzy's Allstars	72	
Addicks Fan	49.39	4	Addicks Fan	69	3
I Should Be So Lucky	48.59	5	KaneAndDisable	68	-1
Surreal Madrid	48.51	6	The WolfPack	63	14
Obi Wan - Kenobi Nil	47.71	7	Empire Of The Son	59	-2
Wigstow Rovers	46.68	8	Sutton Who ???	59	-2
On The Edge	44.57	9	Lady Harney Of Yanchep	55	-1
Sutton Who ???	44.26	10	Kanu Feel It	50	-1

Overall, Tumbledwyer, stay out on top, although haven't added to their total in the last three rounds.

With 25 points on offer for a win, this is still wide open.

There weren't many games in The Picks due to the Internationals. Mullenvoid topped the pile, just ahead of Borussia Munchingflapjack.

THE PICKS TOP 5 (R17)	PTS
MullenVoid	105.21
Borussia Munchingflapjack	100.08
McGinn & Tonic	89.27
Hoggy's Heroes	85.08
Lard Lovers XI	75.15

McGinn & Tonic and Hoggy's Heroes Picks at the start of the season put them in 3rd and 4th place.

THE PICKS	PTS	+/-
Lard Lovers XI	3801.94	
Jurgena-Like-It... Not A Slot	3725.85	1
You'll Never Guess Alone	3697.44	-1
Saved By The Belle	3683.15	1
Borussia Munchingflapjack	3682.76	2
The Sedgley Stalker	3657.08	-2
Wigstow Rovers	3612.73	1
58 Years Of Hurt	3600.70	-2
MullenVoid	3595.57	3
Racing Todabogs	3575.91	
Red Dogs	3537.44	
Chelsea Hawks	3532.37	5
Bachman & Robin	3525.54	-4

Lard Lovers XI still lead the way, and there was a surprising amount of movement at the top of the table, in what was a low scoring round.

Biggest gains at thee top were made by Chelsea Hawks, and MullenVoid.

Just outside the top, MC11 (up 4 places) and Gonna Get Messi (also up 4 places) benefitted from the reduced games and Picks.

In stark contrast to the Guesswork for R17, The WolfPack dropped 12 places.....

This time, to highlight other stuff on the website, I've added the "easiest" games we've predicted so far this season.

Biggest Points Scored On a Game in the 12

West Ham 1 Manchester City 3 665.31 pts (RD 4)

Liverpool 3 Bournemouth 0 514.09 pts (RD 7)

Aston Villa 3 Wolves 1 485.18 pts (RD 7)

Arsenal 2 Wolves 0 452.37 pts (RD 2)

Aberdeen 2 Kilmarnock 0 451.17 pts (RD 3)

Manchester City 4 Ipswich 1 445.86 pts (RD 3)

England 2 Finland 0 419 pts (RD 5)

Tottenham 3 Qarabag 0 391.04 pts (RD 8)

Sweden 2 Slovakia 1 370.72 pts (RD 17)

Ireland 0 England 2 366.36 pts (RD 5)

Greece 2 Ireland 0 366 pts (RD 11)

Norway 5 Kazakhstan 0 353.88 pts (RD 17)

Germany 7 Bosnia & Herzegovina 0 352 pts (RD 17)

Chelsea 2 Newcastle 1 348.37 pts (RD 13)

Fulham 2 Leicester 1 343.02 pts (RD 3)

These are the games the MOST points have been won on, by us all, across the 17 rounds played so far.

City's win at West Ham was the easiest by some margin.

However, backing up the comment earlier that International Rounds, and in particular the last one, was a higher scorer, three games have made it onto the table.

Sweden's 2-1 win had a high number of correct scores within the 370.72 points, whereas the Norway and Germany games had large numbers of bankers correct. Although results, not scores, which gave them both less points than the 2-1 win by Sweden.

In the Fans League West Ham have been joined at the top by Derby. It was a low scoring round, the high average score reducing goals scored, and West Ham drew with Everton, whilst Derby beat Chelsea.

Oxford beat Plymouth to move above them into 3rd.

Fans League Table	Pts	W	D	L	F	A
West Ham	32	9	5	3	20	11
Derby	32	9	5	3	27	12
Oxford United	30	9	3	5	25	11
Plymouth	28	7	7	3	33	20

The full table and link to all the scores so far is on the website. On the weekend of the January Meet Liverpool face Chelsea (!!). That should be interesting

Round 18 is on the website now

Friday, 8PM Deadline, there's 7 Premier League games on Saturday, 5 of which kick off at 3PM!!! (It will never catch on)

I will chase you, possibly more than once for your Guesswork.... AND, check out Up 4 T' Cup on the website, as the build for the FA Cup competition takes shape

Steve

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