Premier League Rest of the Season Predictions 2022-23

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Current PL table after 26 Match days

	Team	Played	Win	Draw	Lost	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Arsenal	26	20	3	3	59	25	34	63
2	Manchester City	26	18	4	4	66	25	41	58
3	Manchester Utd	25	15	4	6	41	35	6	49
4	Tottenham	26	14	3	9	46	36	10	45
5	Liverpool	25	12	6	7	47	28	19	42
6	Newcastle Utd	24	10	11	3	35	17	18	41
7	Fulham	26	11	6	9	38	34	4	39
8	Brighton	23	11	5	7	43	29	14	38
9	Brentford	24	9	11	4	40	32	8	38
10	Chelsea	25	9	7	9	24	25	-1	34
11	Aston Villa	25	10	4	11	31	38	-7	34
12	Crystal Palace	25	6	9	10	21	32	-11	27
13	Wolverhampton	26	7	6	13	19	35	-16	27
14	Nottm Forest	25	6	8	11	20	44	-24	26
15	Leicester City	25	7	3	15	36	43	-7	24
16	West Ham Utd	25	6	5	14	23	33	-10	23
17	Leeds Utd	25	5	7	13	29	40	-11	22
18	Everton	26	5	7	14	19	38	-19	22
19	Southampton	25	6	3	16	20	41	-21	21
20	Bournemouth	25	5	6	14	24	51	-27	21

Figure 1: Pl table after 26 matchdays

Premier League Title Prediction

Mikel Arteta's Arsenal is holding a five point advantage over Manchester City, and find themselves in first place in the Premier League at mid season. **14** of the last **18** teams to be in first place on Christmas day have ended the season as Premier League champions with a success rate of 78%, including Manchester City last year. But Manchester City is the only team who toppled the side top at Christmas in last two instances (Liverpool in 2018-19 and 2020-21).

- In the last six games Manchester city and Arsenal are the teams in the best form, taking **16** and **15** points respectively from possible **18 points**.

Conclusion

It will be a neck and neck title race between the two teams at the top of the table, a slip up from one side could see them finishing in the second position and the other lifting the Premier League trophy.
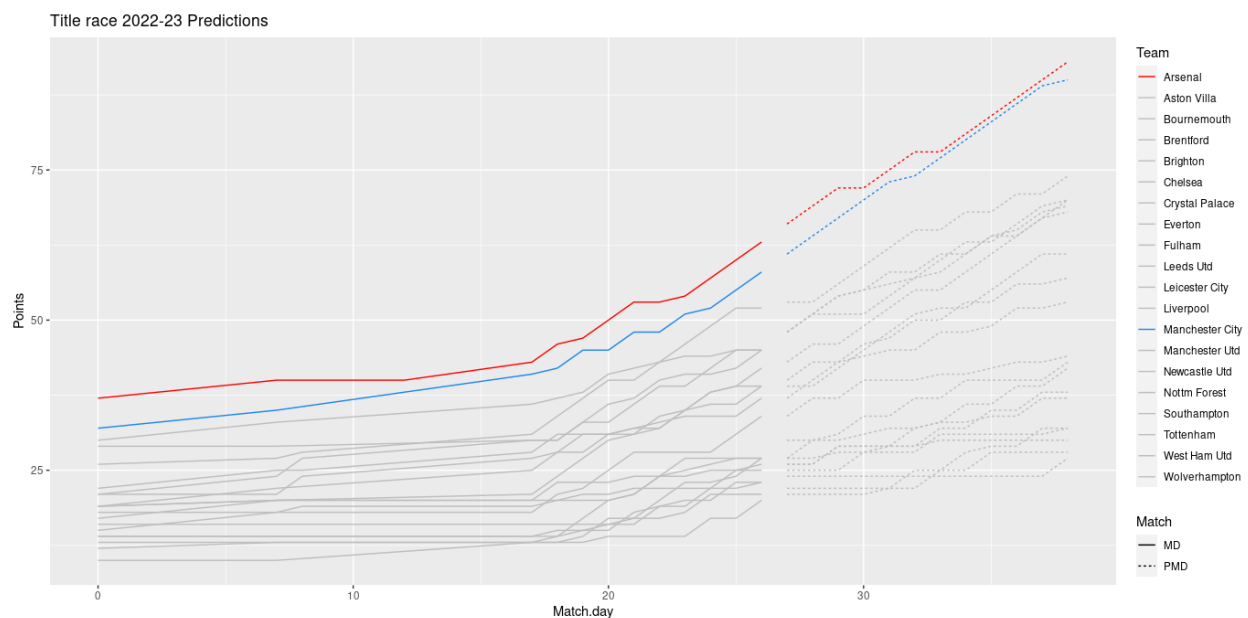

Figure 2: Title race Predictions

Who Will Qualify for the Champions League?

First and Second position

For **Arsenal**, a first Premier League title since 2003-04 is certainly a possibility and they are currently the team with the highest chance of qualifying (**96%**) for the Champions League. Only surpassed by **Manchester City** (**99%**).

Third poistion

Liverpool has the next highest chance of securing Champions League qualification and finishing in **third** position (**76.2%**) when looking at their form in last in the last 6 league games,

- Taking away **13** points out of possible **18**. The *Third most* in form team only behind the two table toppers and the best and the best defense in the same time period, conceding only **once** in last **6** games.

- However they are have been *less consistent* when playing **Away** this season, only having **12** points from a possible **39** points in *13 Away* games. This is a worrying trend.

Forth position

The battle for the **fourth** and final Champions League spot is will be the *most fierce*, with *Newcastle, Tottenham* and *Manchester United* separated by mere difference in points.

- **Tottenham** currently holds the Forth position, closely followed by Liverpool and Newcastle United.

- **Manchester United** was resurrected after the World cup and currently stands at third position but their form has been in steady decline, taking only **11** points from the last 6 matches (conceding **10** goals).

- Despite currently sitting in *sixth* place, **Newcastle United** also have a chance of securing Champions League qualification. They have the *strongest defense* in the league conceding only **18** goals in **25** matches as well as has **two extra games** than their competitors.

- Speaking of **Chelsea**, the model predicts them to finish in the **10** th position.
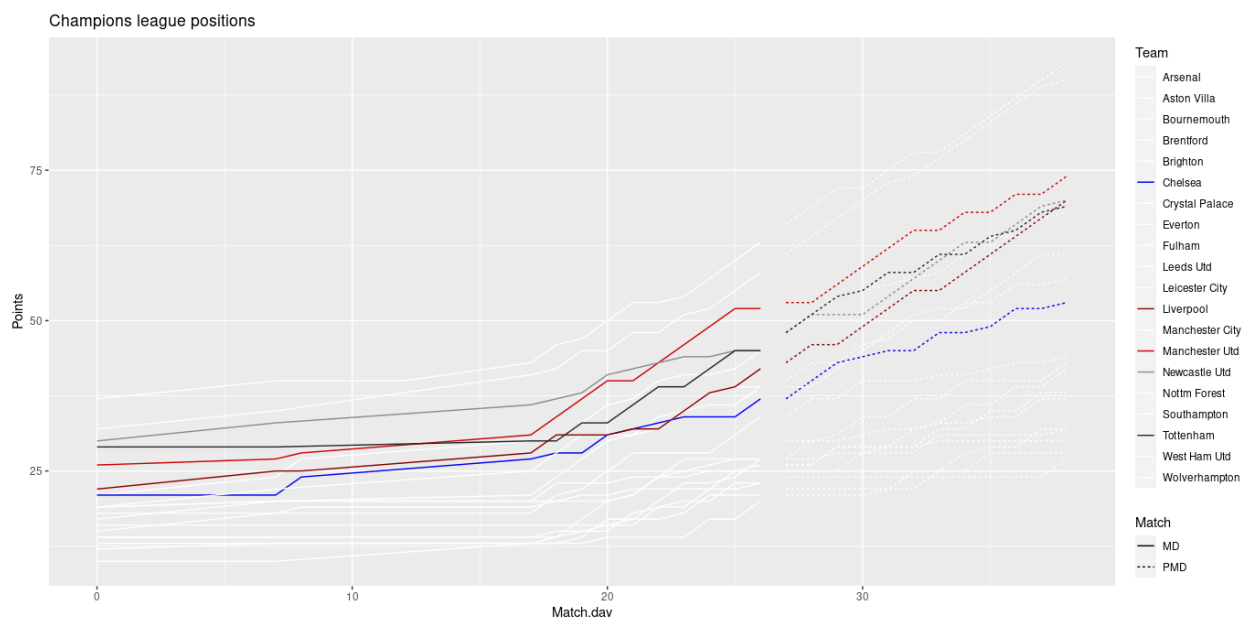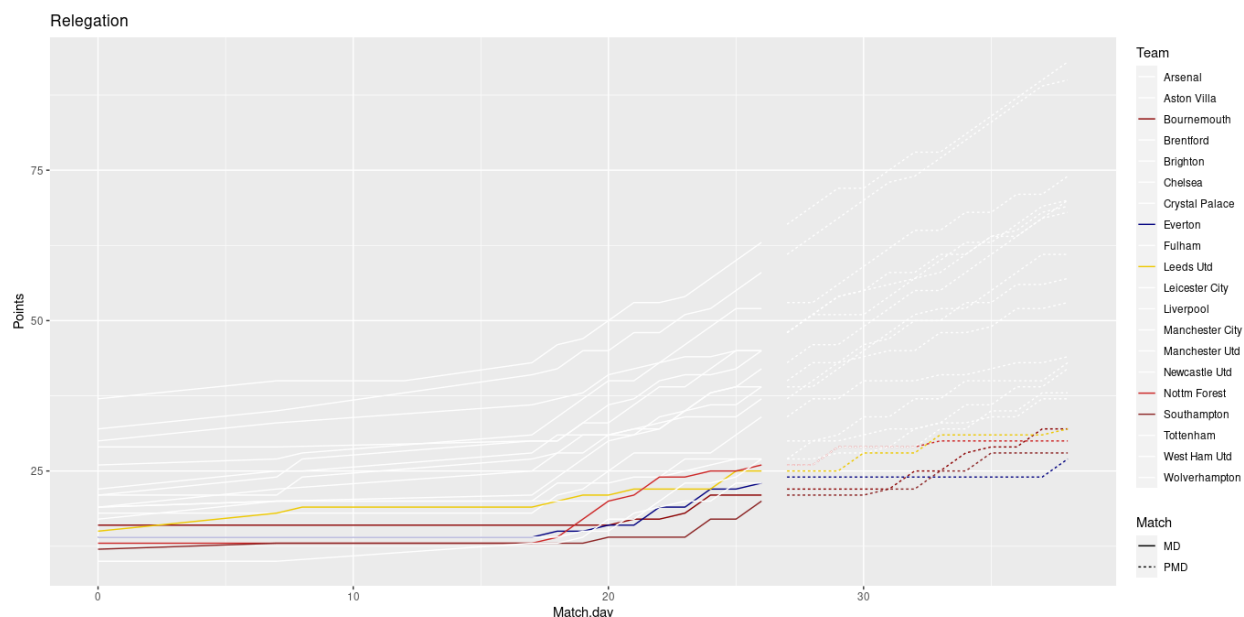

Figure 3: Champions League race

Relegation battle

After Match day 26 the battle for safety from relegation to the second tier is getting more ferocious, only 3 points separating the last 6 places.

position	Team	Points
15	Leicester City	24
16	West Ham Utd	23
17	Leeds Utd	22
18	Everton	22
19	Southampton	21
20	Bournemouth	21

Relegation

* *Everton, Southampton* and *Bournemouth* are the teams on bottom of the table, and thier current form of taking **6**,**6**and **5** points respectively from a possibe *18* also suggest these team relegated to the second tier when the season is over.

- Also *Leeds Utd, Crystal Palace* and *Nottm Forest* are the teams with the worst form in the past 6 league games, taking **3**,**3** and **2** points respectively.

Conclusion

With only **4** point difference between the *bottom 3* positions of the table (18,19 and 20) and the **4** teams *above the drop zone* on top we can see a (14,15,16 and 17), the battle for safety from being demoted will be tight.

Summary

Title race between Arsenal and Manchester city,

- Will be neck and neck, separated by **5** points and will be determined by the each teams performance.
- Both teams have equally challenging fixtures.
- **Erling Haaland** current form could spearhead Manchester City to their **third** consecutive title.
- Arsenal see the return of their best striker **G. Jesus**, which could favour them.

Battle for Champion League positions

- **Liverpool** are in the best form of thier season and could see themselves fiish in the **third** position.
- *Newcastle, Tottenham* and *Manchester United* will contest for the Forth position.

Relegation

- **Position 20 - Southampton** has a high chance of finishing on bottom of the table when considering their current form and also out of the 12 matches, **5** of them are against the **Big 6** teams.
- **Position 19 - Everton** is the team with the hardest fixtures in the next 12 matches, against **all Big 6** teams along with in form **Newcastle United** and **Fulham**.

- **Position 18 - Nottm Forest** has the worst form in the league and been in steady decline after the World Cup 2022.

- **Bournemouth** and **Leeds United** will avoid relegation by the smallest of margins, if they play in their current form.
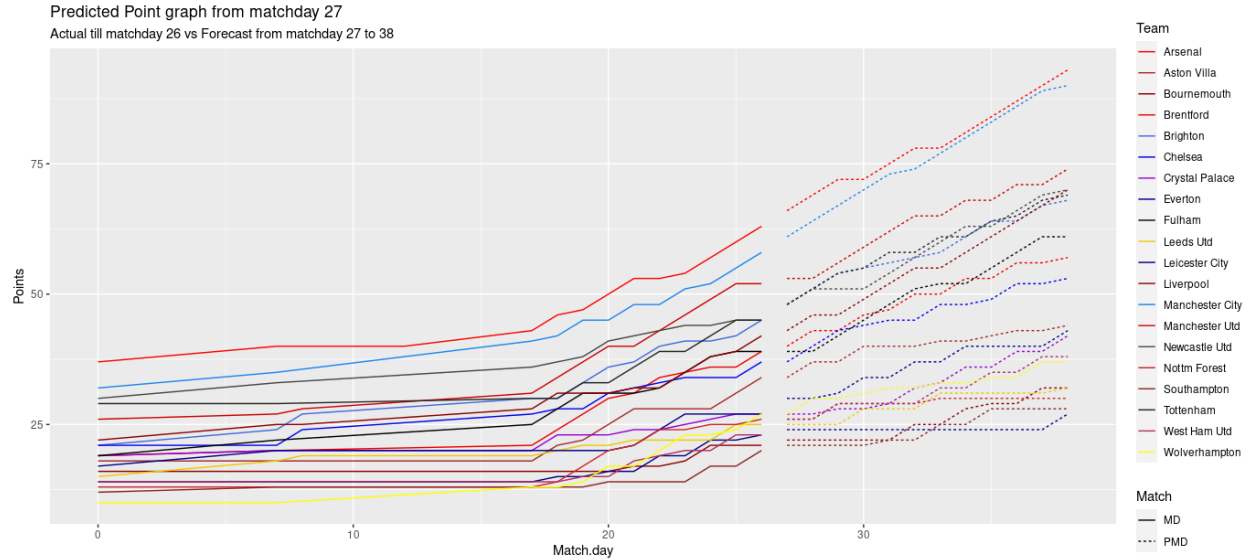

Figure 4: Predicted league points forecast from Match day 27

Predicted League table after Match day 38

	Team	Predictions	Final.points
1	Arsenal	30	93
2	Manchester City	32	90
3	Manchester Utd	26	75
4	Liverpool	31	73
5	Newcastle Utd	29	70
6	Tottenham	24	69
7	Brighton	30	68
8	Fulham	22	61
9	Brentford	19	57
10	Chelsea	19	53
11	Aston Villa	10	44
12	Crystal Palace	15	42
13	Wolverhampton	11	38
14	Leicester City	11	35
15	West Ham Utd	10	33
16	Leeds Utd	10	32
17	Bournemouth	11	32
18	Nottm Forest	4	30
19	Everton	8	30
20	Southampton	7	28

Assumptions

- The Prediction model is based on results of 10 match days post World Cup break and their recent game data.

- The forecast points result is based on the form of teams in the prior 26 Match days.

Data source link - **soccerstats.com**