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# WHO IS GOING DOWN? RELEGATION TREND

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# RELEGATED TEAMS AT MID SEASONS (2018–Date)

Considering Seasons With Similar Format

\*Abridged League, Round-Robin Group Games  
(No Relegation Playoffs)



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|                        | Season  | Games | Groups | Teams<br>In Group | Pts Mid | Final Pts | Pos Mid | Final Pos | Form Mid |
|------------------------|---------|-------|--------|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|
| <b>Ibom Angels</b>     | 2022/23 | 6     | 2      | 7                 | 3 Pts   | 6 Pts     | 7TH     | 7TH       | W1D0L5   |
| <b>Osun Babes</b>      | 2022/23 | 6     | 2      | 7                 | 3 Pts   | 7 Pts     | 7TH     | 7TH       | W1D0L5   |
| <b>Sunshine Queens</b> | 2021/22 | 6     | 2      | 7                 | 4 Pts   | 7 Pts     | *5TH    | 7TH       | W1D1L4   |
| <b>Pelican Stars</b>   | 2021/22 | 6     | 2      | 7                 | 3 Pts   | 4 Pts     | 7TH     | 7TH       | W1D0L5   |
| <b>Sure Babes</b>      | 2018/19 | 7     | 2      | 8                 | 3 Pts   | 3 Pts     | 8TH     | 8TH       | W1D0L6   |
| <b>Pelican Stars</b>   | 2018/19 | 7     | 2      | 8                 | 4 Pts   | 14 Pts    | 8TH     | 8TH       | W0D4L3   |

\*Sunshine Queens (2021/22) were tied with Abia Angels (3Pts) in sixth and Royal Queens (3Pts) in seventh but afloat on Goal difference and Goal Scored. However, in the second half of the season, they reproduced their abysmal first-half performance winning just +4pts unlike Royal Queens (+6pts) and Abia Angels (+7pts) to get relegated.

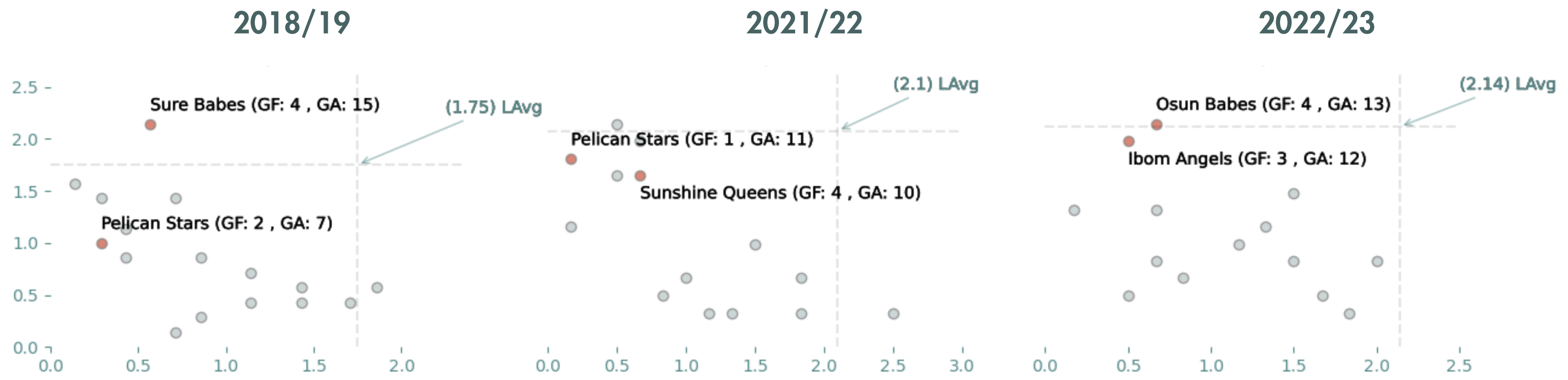
A quick scan through the figures on the above table **suggests a recent trend that teams who find themselves bottom of the league at Mid Season end up being bottom at the end of the Regular Season!**

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## Goals Averages of Relegated Teams In Their Respective Seasons



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These plots of goals averages of relegated teams from similar seasons (absent a relegation playoff tournament) are identical to that of Ekiti Queens, Sunshine Queens and Royal Queens from the current 2023/24 Season, **thus suggesting a high likelihood that Royal Queens, Sunshine Queens and/or Ekiti Queens would be relegated, inline with the recent trend that teams who find themselves bottom of the league at Mid Season end up being bottom at the end of the Regular Season!**

POOR ATTACK  
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How to Interpret the Plot



WHO COULD BE  
**CHAMPIONS**  
THIS SEASON?

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# LAST 10 NWFL CHAMPIONS

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|   | Season  | Num of Teams | Num of Groups | Group In<br>Reg. Season | Final Pos In<br>Reg. Season | Playoff Format  |
|---|---------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Delta Queens</b>        | 2022/23 | 14           | 2             | A                       | 1ST                         | Cup (RR, S)     |
| <b>Bayelsa Queens</b>      | 2021/22 | 14           | 2             | B                       | 1ST                         | League (RR, S)  |
| <b>Rivers Angels</b>       | 2020/21 | 14           | 1             | NIL                     | 2ND                         | League (RR, S)  |
| <b>Rivers Angels</b>      | 2019    | 16           | 4             | A                       | 1ST                         | Cup (DE)        |
| <b>Bayelsa Queens</b>    | 2018/19 | 16           | 2             | A                       | 2ND                         | Cup (DE)        |
| <b>Nasarawa Amazons</b>  | 2017/18 | 15           | 2             | B                       | 1ST                         | Cup (DE)        |
| <b>Rivers Angels</b>     | 2016    | 17           | 2             | B                       | 1ST                         | Single Tie (KO) |
| <b>Rivers Angels</b>     | 2015    | 16           | 2             | B                       | 1ST                         | Cup (RR, S)     |
| <b>Rivers Angels</b>     | 2014    | 11           | 1             | NIL                     | 1ST                         | NIL             |
| <b>Nasarawa Amazons</b>  | 2013    | 20           | 2             | A                       | *1ST                        | Single Tie (KO) |

\*Nasarawa Amazons (2013) originally finished in third position during the regular season but were declared group winners and proceeded to lift the trophy

Cup means there was a pronounced FINAL  
 RR, S : Round Robin (Single)  
 DE : Direct Elimination