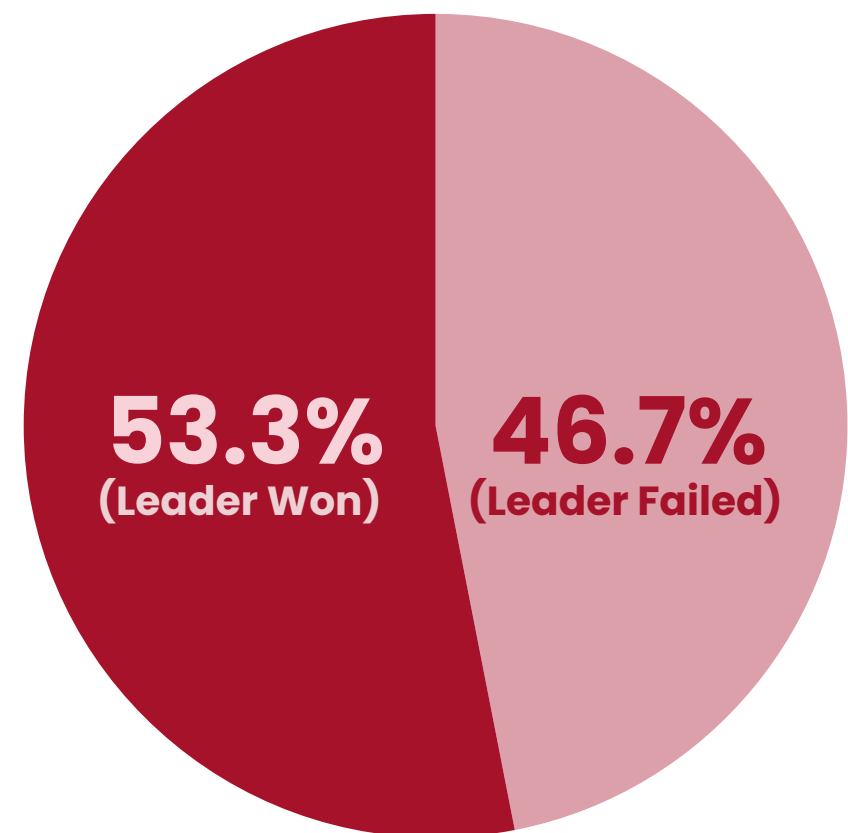


# The Verdict (Myth Busted)

## #1: Is Being Top at Christmas a Guarantee?

Historically, holding the top spot on Dec 25th is effectively a coin flip.

Contrary to popular belief, leading the pack at Christmas is not a guarantee. In fact, nearly half of all Christmas leaders (47%) fail to lift the trophy in May. The pressure of being the 'Hunted' often proves too much

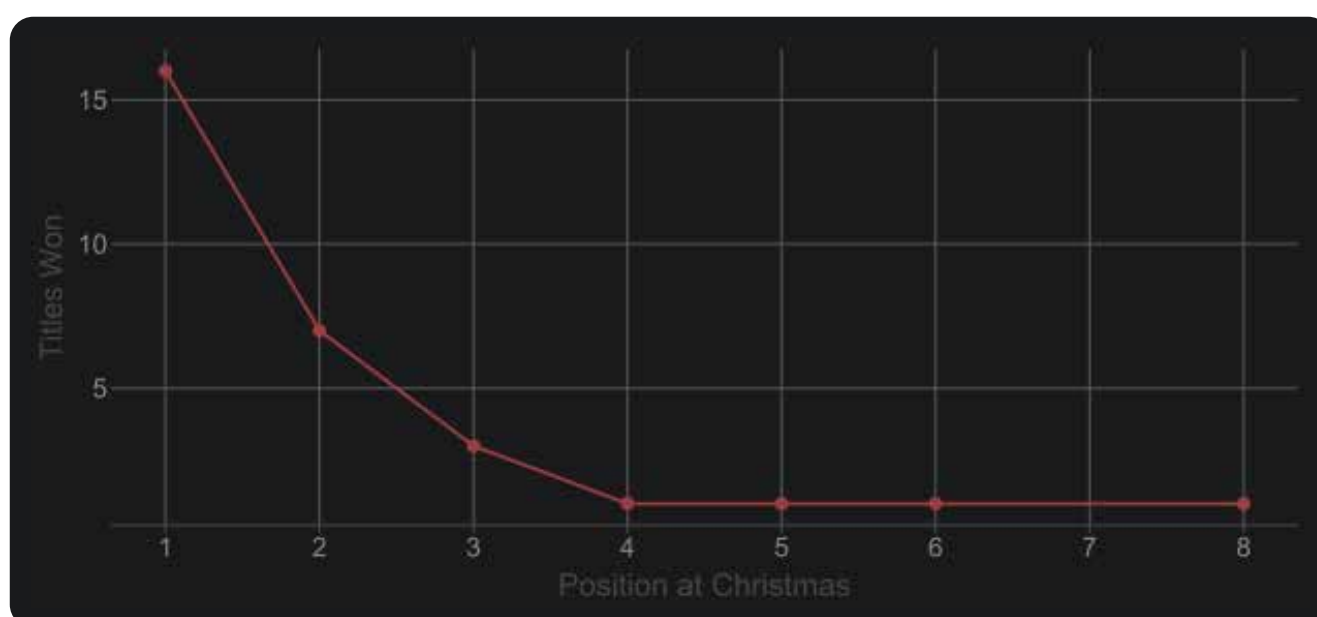


### SQL query

```
SELECT ROUND(AVG(CASE WHEN xmas_rank = 1 THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) * 100, 1) AS leader_won
FROM champions_at_xmas;
-- Result: 53.3%
```

## #2: The Safe Zone

If you aren't 1st, you better be 2nd. A staggering 23 out of 30 Premier League champions come from the Top 2 spots at Christmas



```
SELECT
    xmas_rank AS "Position at Christmas",
    COUNT(*) AS "Titles Won"
FROM champions_at_xmas
GROUP BY xmas_rank
ORDER BY xmas_rank ASC;
```

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