This was a project that I had been working on for a little while. In the light of Liverpool's historically dominant 2019-20 title win, it would be interesting to have a look at the contrast that was last season's dogfight.

[This](https://imgur.com/a/WCe1jMv) was last year's title race as the season progressed. I've also put up a reference line denoting a flawless season where a team theoretically could win all 38 of its games. As we can see, it didn't really become a two horse race until the 26th game of the season, when Liverpool and Manchester City proved themselves to be a class apart from the other teams in the field. As these 2 teams had the second and third highest scoring season runs ever (Marks that likely will be surpassed this season by Liverpool), we see how Manchester City played a perfect last 14 games, while Liverpool's draws in game 27 and 29 (Manchester United and Everton) ultimately proved costly. They still had a perfect last nine games, but that ultimately proved to not be enough as Manchester City hung on by a single point.

[This](https://imgur.com/a/OXabrRA) is the same title race, with the Top 4 highlighted. Tottenham was right up there with the top 2 until game 26, after which they experienced a bit of a slump. A slew of poor matches in the last 5 games (3 losses and a draw) meant that they ultimately slipped down to 4th, after a late charge from Chelsea. [Here's](https://imgur.com/a/lYD2AEd) a still frame at the very end to show final season standings.

\*\*Bonus:\*\* While Tottenham slipped to 4th, they still managed to one-up their bitter North London rivals Arsenal by one single point. [This](https://imgur.com/a/uN4D6eP) in its own right, was as close a race as the title showdown.

\*\*Notes:\*\*

\* Data was obtained from kaggle [here.](https://www.kaggle.com/faysalr/epl-weekly-table-138)

\* Data preparation was performed using R and plotting was made using R's ggplot and gganimate packages.

Hope you all had as much fun reading this as I did making this post!