Fantasy Prem 2025-26

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Welcome to the third annual edition of the Gentlemen's Invitational Fantasy Premier League. This year's competition will feature 14 sides, including one new team debuting this year. Competitors will be joining us from San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Washington D.C., and Antarctica.

Teams

Manager	Previous League Performance(s)	Prize Money Won	Club Accomplishments
Varun	7th, 5th	$160	2025 Champions League
Arnav	5th, 14th	$135	2024 Playoff
Shawn	9th, 1st	$125	2024-2025 League Title
Zach	1st, 2nd	$85	2023-2024 League Title[1]
Puru	11th, 9th	$70	2025 Lingineni Cup
Suda	6th, 4th	$50	
Nilay	3rd	$25	
Ari	4th, 7th		
Danny	6th		
Joseph	3rd, 11th		
Subba	8th		
Young	10th, 10th		
Henry	8th, 13th		
Isaac	debut		

History

The 2023-2024 edition of this league was contested between 12 founding clubs, with the Point Loma Parrots (Zach, league champion) and Arnie-senal (Arnav, playoff champion) landing silverware. Drewyomo FC were relegated following their last place finish and refusal to complete the league punishment.

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[1] At this time in the league's history, having the best record at the end of the regular season was not a recognized accomplishment. The winner of the fantasy league was Arnav (winner of playoff).

The 2024-2025 season saw the addition of four new teams and two new in-season tournaments. For the first time, silverware was given out for the league winner (Shayan Hussain), a Champions League winner (Varun Kadikar), and a Lingineni Cup winner (Purvaansh Lohiya). At the end of the season, Wes H00vlahan and their manager Arman Hussain were relegated from the league due to inactivity and offensive apathy. Arnav completed the iHop punishment and secured his spot in the league for this season.

Please find below the total standings across all seasons:

	Player	W	D	L	Pts	Weeks	Pts/Week
1	Zach	49	1	22	148	72	2.06
2	Nilay	25		13	75	38	1.97
3	Rithik	21		13	63	34	1.85
4	Shawn	42		30	126	72	1.75
5	Suda	41		31	123	72	1.71
6	Varun	40		32	120	72	1.67
7	Danny	21		17	63	38	1.66
8	Ari	38	1	33	115	72	1.60
9	Subba	18	1	19	55	38	1.45
10	Joseph	33	2	37	101	72	1.40
11	Puru	31		41	93	72	1.29
12	Young	30	1	41	91	72	1.26
13	Arnav	30		42	90	72	1.25
14	Henry	27		45	81	72	1.13
15	Arm	13		25	39	38	1.03
16	Drew	8		26	24	34	0.71

Important Dates

August 6, 2025: Draft day (7PM pacific time / 10PM eastern time start)
August 15, 2025: Premier league kickoff

Format

After completion of the draft on August 6, you will have your confirmed 17 man squad. Players in your squad can be traded with other league managers through the Fantrax app by requesting a trade. Furthermore, you can continue to add players who are not signed to another manager's team by dropping one of your own players out of your squad and into the free agents list. Both free agents and trades between managers will be able to be made until matchweek 34, when transfers are entirely done for the season and your squad will be locked. This is to prevent collusion and match fixing in the final weeks of the campaign when teams may be aware of the results they need to finish in a certain position.

The league will begin with matchday 1 of the Premier League season, and continue through to matchday 38. Each week, you will compete against one other team in the league. You must set your 11 man lineup before the matches kickoff. For example, if you drafted both Haaland and Nicholas Jackson and you find that Haaland is not in the starting 11 for City while Jackson is in Chelsea's starting 11, you may elect to put Haaland on your bench for this match week and start Jackson on your team. You will get points for actions that your starting 11 completes in real life (for example, 9 points if one of your players scores, 6 points for a clean sheet for defenders, etc). Once the 10 fixtures in real life are complete, each team that has accumulated more points for the week than their counterpart will receive three points towards the overall league standings.

Scoring

Group	Category	Abbrev.	Points
Goal	Aerials Won	AER	1
Goal	Assists (Total)	AT	7
Goal	Clean Sheets On Field	CS	8
Goal	Dispossessed	DIS	-0.5
Goal	Goals Against	GA	-2
Goal	Goals	G	10
Goal	High Claims Succeeded	HCS	1
Goal	Interceptions	Int	1
Goal	Minutes Played	Min	0
Goal	Own Goals	OG	-5
Goal	Penalty Kick Saves	PKS	8
Goal	Red Cards	RC	-7
Goal	Shots on Target	SOT	2
Goal	Smothers	Sm	1
Goal	Successful Dribbles (Contests Succeeded)	CoS	1
Goal	Effective Clearances	CLR	0.25
Goal	Key Passes (Assists on Shots)	KP	2
Goal	Saves	Sv	2
Goal	Tackles Won	TkW	1
Goal	Yellow Cards	YC	-2
OutF	Accurate Crosses (No Corners)	ACNC	1
OutF	Aerials Won	AER	0.5
OutF	Assists (Total)	AT	6
OutF	Blocked Shots	BS	1
OutF	Clean Sheets On Field	CS	6

OutF	Dispossessed	DIS	-0.5
OutF	Goals Against Outfielders	GAO	0
OutF	Goals	G	9
OutF	Interceptions	Int	1
OutF	Minutes Played	Min	0
OutF	Own Goals	OG	-5
OutF	Penalty Kicks Drawn	PKD	2
OutF	Penalty Kicks Missed	PKM	-4
OutF	Red Cards	RC	-7
OutF	Shots on Target	SOT	2
OutF	Successful Dribbles (Contests Succeeded)	CoS	1
OutF	Effective Clearances	CLR	0
OutF	Key Passes (Assists on Shots)	KP	2
OutF	Tackles Won	TkW	1
OutF	Yellow Cards	YC	-2

This table shows the points that you will gain or lose for each on the field action of a player in your starting 11.

Waiver Wires

1. League members will submit waiver requests for players they want to claim from free agency
2. After 24-48 hours, claims are processed based on priority ranking
    a. The team with the highest priority for a given player will receive that player
3. If only one person submitted a claim for a given player, that team will receive the player
    a. If another team with a higher priority also claims the player, that team will receive the player instead
4. After a successful claim, that team's priority will drop to the bottom of the list

League Format

There will be 3 sets of silverware up for grabs during the season: Lingineni Cup Winner, Regular Season Winner, and Champions League winner. These different trophies are meant to allow any and every team a chance to win silverware on the season. Lingineni Cup is based off of the FA Cup in which any team can have a Cinderella story and go on to win. Regular season is self explanatory, the most consistent team during the season takes home the prize. Champions League is for managers to prove their tactical prowess across seasons. Note that there will be a buy in of $100 and corresponding payout for the top performing teams: $170 for Lingineni Cup Champion, $400 for regular season winner, $150 for regular season runner up, $100 (no net loss) for regular season 3rd place, and $200 for the Champions League winner. Also, every week, the team with the highest score for that week will receive $10. The loser will have to complete the 24 hour iHop pancake punishment.

Regular Season

After all 38 weeks, the team who has accumulated the most points will be crowned league champion.

Champions League

Teams qualify through their performance in last year's league competition (top 5 finishers + previous winner). This year's competitors will be: Zach, Shawn, Nilay, Danny, Varun, and Suda. They will compete in a six team group stage.

Random draw will be conducted to assign the teams to positions A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, and A6. Note that the participants will still be playing league games these weeks, but will have simultaneous champions league matchups against the above indicated opposition.

Matchweek 6
- A1 vs A6
- A2 vs A5
- A3 vs A4

Matchweek 11
- A1 vs A5
- A2 vs A4
- A3 vs A6

Matchweek 16
- A1 vs A4
- A2 vs A3
- A5 vs A6

Matchweek 21
- A1 vs A3
- A2 vs A6

- A4 vs A5

- A1 vs A2
- A3 vs A5
- A6 vs A4

- Two legged aggregate matches of
  - Group winner vs Group 4th place
  - Group runner up vs Group 3rd place

- Two remaining sides face off in a one off final

2024/2025 Champions League pictured below:

GW6	GW11	GW16	GW21	GW26			GW31	GW33	GW36
Zach v. Joe	Zach v. Ari	Zach v. Arnie	Zach v. Suda	Zach v. Varun			1v4	4v1	Finals
Arnie v. Varun	Arnie v. Joe	Varun v. Ari	Arnie v. Ari	Joe v. Ari			2v3	3v2	
Suda v. Ari	Suda v. Varun	Suda v. Joe	Joe v. Varun	Arnie v. Suda					

Champions League Table								GW31	GW33	Total
Team	**W**	**D**	**L**	**Pts**	**FPts**		Varun	102.5	74.75	177.25
liVARpool FC	3		2	9	525.5		Zach	63.5	90.25	153.75
Traderjoe18	3		2	9	454.75		Joe	42.25	114	156.25
penarididdams	3		2	9	445.75		Ari	66	82.75	148.75
Point Loma Parrots	3		2	9	387.5					
Cold FC	2		3	6	492.25					
Arnie-senal	1		4	3	383.5					

This year's Champions League group stage schedule below:

GW6	GW11	GW16	GW21	GW26
Shawn v. Zach	Zach v. Suda	Shawn v. Suda	Shawn v. Nilay	Shawn v. Varun
Suda v. Varun	Varun v. Nilay	Zach v. Nilay	Zach v. Varun	Zach v. Danny
Nilay v. Danny	Danny v. Shawn	Varun v. Danny	Suda v. Danny	Suda v. Nilay

Champions League Table					
Team	**W**	**D**	**L**	**Pts**	**FPts**
Shawn				0	
Zach				0	
Suda				0	
Varun				0	
Nilay				0	
Danny				0	

Lingineni Cup

- Bottom 3 teams from last season and Isaac will sort into single elimination knockout matches. Winners to advance.

- The two teams from Round 1 will join Young, Puru, Subba, Ari, Danny, and Varun in a randomized draw of single elimination encounters. Winners to advance.

- 4 winners from round 2 will each face one of Shawn, Zach, Nilay, and Suda in single elimination randomly drawn matches. Winners to advance.

- 4 remaining teams will be randomly drawn into two double legged matches
- Aggregate winners will advance to the final

- between the two remaining teams with the winner crowned champion

2024/2025 Lingineni Cup

GW10	GW15	GW20	GW25 GW30	GW35
Subba				
Nilay	Nilay			
	Varun	Varun		
Varun	Ari		Varun	
Henry				Puru
Puru	Puru	Puru		
	Joseph			
Shawn				Puru
Young	Young	Zach		
Danny	Zach		Zach	
Arman	Arman			
Arman	Suda	Arman		
	Arnie			

This year's Lingineni Cup draw:

2025/2026 Lingineni Cup

GW9	GW14	GW19	GW24 GW29	GW34

Henry
Arnie
Varun
Nilay
Puru
Subba
Shawn
Ari
Young
Zach
Isaac
Joe
Danny
Suda