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THE LOBSTER TIMES

GAMEWEEK TEN INQUEST

GAMEWEEK 10 · FINAL · BONUS APPLIED · RANKS VERIFIED

MANAGERS WORLDWIDE	GW10 GLOBAL AVERAGE	GW10 GLOBAL BEST	UNTIL GAMEWEEK 11
11,290,027	55	139	8 Days
Total FPL entries	14 of 21 beat it	Our best: 88	Deadline 21 Nov, 11:00 UTC

Twenty-one managers were required to account for Gameweek 10. Every figure in this edition is final: bonus applied, auto-substitutions processed, ranks verified against 11,290,027 managers worldwide. **One manager captained a footballer who never took the field.** The best armband in the division belonged to **Akatsuki**, ranked 18.

Leader Banks 64 Points, Holds A 26-Point Lead, Describes The Margin As Adequate

GAUCHO F.C. ANALYTICS FLOOR — Leader confirms Haaland returned 4 as captain, the Wildcard is intact and the bench is within tolerance.

Arsenal Fan Posts 88, The Best Week In The League, And Climbs 2 Places To third

GUNNER4LYFE TRAINING FACILITY — Isak's armband, Ødegaard, Raya and Gabriel combine for a world rank of 83,152 this week and an overall rank of 986,733.

Club Fields Three Starters Who Played No Minutes, Posts 35, The Lowest In The League

FK JIZMAILA SARR VOID — Manager confirms J.Cuenca, James and João Pedro were all in the eleven and none played, and that the bench was no help.

Special One Climbs 3 Places To ninth, Posts 76, Leaves All Four Chips Untouched

THE SPECIAL ONES DUGOUT — Ødegaard's armband returned 22, the bench scored nothing and not a single chip has been spent.

Q4 Update: Red Lobster FC Reports 52 Points, Falls 2 Places, Pivots To Synergy

RED LOBSTER FC INVESTOR RELATIONS — Management notes a Gameweek 9 total of 24 and a Gameweek 10 recovery to 52 as evidence of a turnaround story.

Villain Unleashes Triple Captain On Isak, Turns 8 Into 24, Remains Level With GP FC

AKATSUKI HIDDEN VILLAGE — The Triple Captain is spent, the bench held 11 and the table refuses to bow.

ALSO IN THIS EDITION

Bart's Team — Runner-Up Holds Second, Describes Being 26 Points Behind As A Strategic Position

Saka la bolsita — Manager Leaves Delap On The Bench For 13 Points, Says It Is A Game Of Two Halves

El Cochiloco — Man Scores 73, Still Drops A Place, Declares The Season Over Again

szobamela — Man Holds Sixth, Makes No Transfers For Two Weeks, Describes It As Strategic Patience

Dang Football Club — Rookie Leaves 11 Points On Bench, Holds £5.5m In Bank, Calls Both Hypotheses

papoy — Man Scores 68, Beats The World Average Of 55, Still Finds A Way To Apologise

Camp Nou Way — Manager Scores 68, Makes Two Transfers, Reports Having A Lovely Time

fc rtw — Man Makes Four Transfers, Takes No Hit, Climbs 2 Places To twelfth

MAD Baller — Club Scores 36, Leaves 10 Points On Bench, Falls 2 Places, Notes The Facts

are you aMAD — Man Gives Armband To Groß, Receives 20, Suspects A Catch

sakadeez — Gambler Takes A 4-Point Hit, Sells Cherki For 9, Leaves Trafford's 10 On The Bench

GP FC — Operator Posts 59, Climbs To seventeenth, Level On Points With Akatsuki

Newpi — Surfer Falls 2 Places To nineteenth, Scores 51, Reports The Waves Were Fine

BruceBall — Captain Plays Zero Minutes, Vice-Captain Doubles Up For 12, Gaffer Calls It Typical

captain bruno — Trader Posts 73 With No Transfers After A 24-Point Hit Last Week, Holds Last Place

THE TABLE · FINAL

#	+/–	CLUB	PTS	GW10	WORLD
01	0	Gaucho F.C.	698	64	0.9%
02	0	Bart's Team	672	63	3.4%
03	▲ 2	Gunner4Lyfe	646	88	8.7%
04	▼ 1	Saka la bolsita	637	63	11.3%
05	▼ 1	El Cochiloco	632	73	12.7%
06	0	szobamela	621	65	16.4%
07	0	Dang Football Club	606	52	22.4%
08	0	papoy	591	68	29.0%
09	▲ 3	The Special Ones	552	76	47.5%
10	0	Camp Nou Way	549	68	48.8%
11	▼ 2	Red Lobster FC	543	52	51.6%
12	▲ 2	fc rtw	526	62	58.9%
13	▼ 2	MAD Baller	515	36	63.3%
14	▼ 1	FK Jizmaila Sarr	506	35	66.4%
15	▲ 1	are you aMAD	501	68	68.2%
16	▼ 1	sakadeez	490	46	71.7%
17	▲ 1	GP FC	467	59	77.7%
18	0	Akatsuki	467	59	77.7%
19	▼ 2	Newpi	465	51	78.1%
20	0	BruceBall	446	54	81.8%
21	0	captain bruno	422	73	85.8%

INSIDE THIS EDITION

The Master Ledger · Global Standing, where every manager is measured against all 11,290,027 entrants · Gameweek 10 In Numbers · The Armband Audit · The Fixture Planner · Twenty-one full dossiers, each carrying twelve questions and a written verdict.

Highest: Gunner4Lyfe on 88. **Lowest:** FK Jizmaila Sarr on 35. **Captained a non-player:** BruceBall.

The Master Ledger

ALL 21 CLUBS · GAMEWEEK 10 FINAL · VALUE AND BANK IN £M

#	+/–	CLUB	MANAGER	TOTAL	GW10	BENCH	HIT	TR	CHIPS	VALUE	BANK	CAPTAIN	ARM
01	0	**Gaucho F.C.**	**gian jaen**	**698**	**64**	**7**	**—**	**1**	**1**	**100.7**	**1.7**	**Haaland**	**4**
02	0	**Bart's Team**	Bart Simp	**672**	63	7	—	1	1	102.3	4.2	Haaland	4
03	▲2	**Gunner4Lyfe**	Joshua Clarke	**646**	88	2	—	1	2	100.5	4.8	Isak	16
04	▼1	**Saka la bolsita**	Phillip Lopez	**637**	63	17	—	2	3	100.4	0.0	Evanilson	18
05	▼1	**El Cochiloco**	Alfonso Castrejon	**632**	73	11	—	1	1	103.0	2.7	Haaland	4
06	0	**szobamela**	Jose Castrejon	**621**	65	2	—	0	3	100.1	0.0	Haaland	4
07	0	**Dang Football Club**	Khang Dang	**606**	52	11	—	1	1	100.9	5.5	Haaland	4
08	0	**papoy**	Alexis Segura	**591**	68	7	—	2	1	100.7	1.5	Evanilson	18
09	▲3	**The Special Ones**	Cameron Walker	**552**	76	0	—	0	4	100.5	0.0	Ødegaard	22
10	0	**Camp Nou Way**	Abner Chavez	**549**	68	1	—	2	4	98.7	0.5	Evanilson	18
11	▼2	**Red Lobster FC**	Neil Patel-Hernandez	**543**	52	0	—	3	3	99.5	0.3	Haaland	4
12	▲2	**fc rtw**	danny lopez	**526**	62	2	—	4	3	101.3	0.4	Palmer	4
13	▼2	**MAD Baller**	Marie Drosche	**515**	36	10	—	0	3	98.9	0.0	Anderson	4
14	▼1	**FK Jizmaila Sarr**	Aleksa Divcic	**506**	35	0	—	0	4	100.8	0.0	Haaland	4
15	▲1	**are you aMAD**	Felix Holland	**501**	68	4	—	0	3	101.7	0.2	Groß	20
16	▼1	**sakadeez**	Drin Pacuku	**490**	46	13	-4	2	2	102.5	0.9	Rogers	4
17	▲1	**GP FC**	Chris Tran	**467**	59	6	—	0	2	100.0	0.3	Cherki	18
18	0	**Akatsuki**	Giancarlos Castaneda	**467**	59	11	—	2	3	99.3	0.5	Isak	24
19	▼2	**Newpi**	Nico Zarzaua	**465**	51	0	—	0	4	99.3	0.9	Haaland	4
20	0	**BruceBall†**	Alex Bruce	**446**	54	0	—	0	4	100.5	0.2	João Pedro	12
21	0	**captain bruno**	Nick Revia	**422**	73	8	—	0	2	102.4	0.1	Manzambi	4

Gameweek By Gameweek

POINTS SCORED IN EACH GAMEWEEK SO FAR

#	CLUB	GW1	GW2	GW3	GW4	GW5	GW6	GW7	GW8	GW9	GW10	TOTAL
01	Gaucho F.C.	39	115	77	92	50	64	80	60	57	64	**698**
02	Bart's Team	51	94	73	104	59	64	59	57	48	63	**672**
03	Gunner4Lyfe	70	63	89	57	49	53	49	75	53	88	**646**
04	Saka la bolsita	56	102	60	73	48	54	62	61	62	63	**637**
05	El Cochiloco	60	111	49	72	38	61	67	44	57	73	**632**
06	szobamela	55	105	62	84	52	57	71	37	33	65	**621**
07	Dang Football Club	44	64	75	95	49	67	68	54	38	52	**606**
08	papoy	34	117	58	73	52	67	49	35	38	68	**591**
09	The Special Ones	83	84	38	74	42	58	37	45	35	76	**552**
10	Camp Nou Way	52	59	37	90	51	46	48	50	48	68	**549**
11	Red Lobster FC	45	101	59	61	33	64	70	34	24	52	**543**
12	fc rtw	45	83	32	67	29	70	38	35	65	62	**526**
13	MAD Baller	47	46	58	86	56	46	50	40	54	36	**515**
14	FK Jizmaila Sarr	63	96	35	68	26	62	65	25	35	35	**506**
15	are you aMAD	32	57	40	49	49	40	66	51	49	68	**501**
16	sakadeez	38	61	58	67	39	56	59	34	40	46	**490**
17	GP FC	33	63	43	71	51	51	42	31	39	59	**467**
18	Akatsuki	38	69	32	66	25	69	41	29	47	59	**467**
19	Newpi	42	66	50	45	42	40	50	46	33	51	**465**
20	BruceBall	—	—	43	75	36	79	52	61	46	54	**446**
21	captain bruno	56	92	49	59	45	56	38	52	78	73	**422**

In Brief

Chips Played In Gameweek 10. Akatsuki (Triple Captain)

Captaincy Without Minutes. 1 of 21 clubs captained a footballer who recorded no minutes.

Reserve Outscores Starter At 16 Of 21 Clubs. A substitute finished the week ahead of at least one starter in that many squads.

METHOD

Points are FPL's verified figures after bonus and auto-substitutions. **Arm** is the points actually delivered by the armband after any transfer to the vice-captain. **Chips** shows chips REMAINING of four.

Hit is the Gameweek 10 deduction only.

† Entered the league after Gameweek 1 and has contested fewer gameweeks than the rest of the table. · **+/–** shows places gained or lost against the previous table, with the number of places inside: green for a climb, red for a fall, amber for no change.

Global Standing

EVERY CLUB MEASURED AGAINST ALL 11,290,027 MANAGERS WORLDWIDE

How to read this page. Overall Rank is your cumulative position across the whole season. **Gameweek 10 Rank** is your position for this single week. Both are printed as your position out of **11,290,027** total managers, then converted to a percentile. **Lower is better** — a shorter bar is a stronger result, and a bar printed in vermilion means the bottom quartile of the world.

#	CLUB	OVERALL	OF	PCT	SEASON PERCENTILE	GW10 RANK	OF	PCT	WEEK PERCENTILE
01	**Gaucho F.C.**	106,921	11,290,027	**0.95%**		2,732,079	11,290,027	**24.20%**	
02	**Bart's Team**	383,122	11,290,027	**3.39%**		3,022,376	11,290,027	**26.77%**	
03	**Gunner4Lyfe**	986,733	11,290,027	**8.74%**		83,152	11,290,027	**0.74%**	
04	**Saka la bolsita**	1,272,097	11,290,027	**11.27%**		3,104,107	11,290,027	**27.49%**	
05	**El Cochiloco**	1,438,406	11,290,027	**12.74%**		879,127	11,290,027	**7.79%**	
06	**szobamela**	1,850,477	11,290,027	**16.39%**		2,324,072	11,290,027	**20.59%**	
07	**Dang Football Club**	2,534,627	11,290,027	**22.45%**		6,751,743	11,290,027	**59.80%**	
08	**papoy**	3,279,146	11,290,027	**29.04%**		1,778,028	11,290,027	**15.75%**	
09	**The Special Ones**	5,357,502	11,290,027	**47.45%**		528,049	11,290,027	**4.68%**	
10	**Camp Nou Way**	5,505,490	11,290,027	**48.76%**		1,778,028	11,290,027	**15.75%**	
11	**Red Lobster FC**	5,829,267	11,290,027	**51.63%**		6,837,067	11,290,027	**60.56%**	
12	**fc rtw**	6,646,665	11,290,027	**58.87%**		3,466,235	11,290,027	**30.70%**	
13	**MAD Baller**	7,142,408	11,290,027	**63.26%**		10,309,276	11,290,027	**91.31%**	
14	**FK Jizmaila Sarr**	7,492,908	11,290,027	**66.37%**		10,429,806	11,290,027	**92.38%**	
15	**are you aMAD**	7,695,554	11,290,027	**68.16%**		1,615,058	11,290,027	**14.31%**	
16	**sakadeez**	8,091,687	11,290,027	**71.67%**		8,574,824	11,290,027	**75.95%**	
17	**GP FC**	8,768,405	11,290,027	**77.67%**		4,136,841	11,290,027	**36.64%**	
18	**Akatsuki**	8,770,676	11,290,027	**77.69%**		4,414,309	11,290,027	**39.10%**	
19	**Newpi**	8,814,944	11,290,027	**78.08%**		6,855,713	11,290,027	**60.72%**	
20	**BruceBall**	9,241,021	11,290,027	**81.85%**		5,855,962	11,290,027	**51.87%**	
21	**captain bruno**	9,691,047	11,290,027	**85.84%**		825,099	11,290,027	**7.31%**	

BEST IN THE WORLD

Gaucho F.C.

Overall 106,921 of 11,290,027 — the top **0.95%** of every manager alive.

BEST SINGLE WEEK

Gunner4Lyfe

GW10 rank 83,152 of 11,290,027 — top **0.74%** on 88 points.

WORST SINGLE WEEK

FK Jizmaila Sarr

GW10 rank 10,429,806 of 11,290,027 — the bottom **7.62%** of the planet.

Outperformed Their Season

WEEK PERCENTILE STRONGER THAN SEASON PERCENTILE

CLUB	SEASON	WEEK	SWING
captain bruno	85.8%	7.3%	**-78.5**
are you aMAD	68.2%	14.3%	**-53.8**
The Special Ones	47.5%	4.7%	**-42.8**
GP FC	77.7%	36.6%	**-41.0**
Akatsuki	77.7%	39.1%	**-38.6**
Camp Nou Way	48.8%	15.8%	**-33.0**

Fell Below Their Season

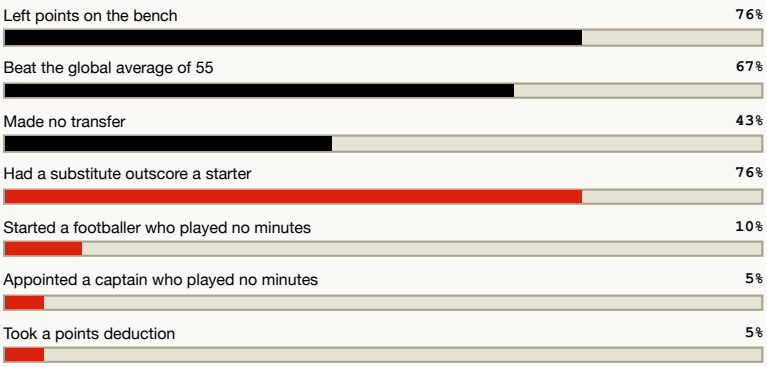
WEEK PERCENTILE WEAKER THAN SEASON PERCENTILE

CLUB	SEASON	WEEK	SWING
Saka la bolsita	11.3%	27.5%	**+16.2**
Gaucho F.C.	0.9%	24.2%	**+23.2**
Bart's Team	3.4%	26.8%	**+23.4**
FK Jizmaila Sarr	66.4%	92.4%	**+26.0**
MAD Baller	63.3%	91.3%	**+28.1**
Dang Football Club	22.4%	59.8%	**+37.3**

Distribution. 1 club sit inside the global top one percent (Gaucho F.C.). 3 sit inside the top ten percent. 10 of 21 are in the better half of the world. The league spans from **0.95%** to **85.84%**.

Statshot

HOW THE TWENTY-ONE CLUBS OF THIS LEAGUE SPENT GAMEWEEK 10



Computed from the verified Gameweek 10 squads. Percentages are rounded.

Notes From The Standings

FACTS FROM THE FINAL TABLE

Biggest climb: The Special Ones, 3 places.

Biggest fall: Red Lobster FC, 2 places.

Top of the table: Gaucho F.C. on 698 points, a lead of 26 over Bart's Team.

Gameweek 10 average: 55. Global best: 139.

Gameweek 10 In Numbers

ALL FIGURES DERIVED FROM FINAL VERIFIED DATA

HIGHEST GAMEWEEK
88 pts
Gunner4Lyfe — top 0.74% worldwide

MOST POINTS BENCHED
17 pts
Saka la bolsita left them on the bench

BUSIEST WINDOW
4 moves
fc rtw — cost −0 points

LOWEST GAMEWEEK
35 pts
FK Jizmaila Sarr — bottom 7.62% worldwide

LARGEST DEDUCTION
−4 pts
sakadeez on 2 transfers

ZERO-MINUTE CAPTAINS
1 clubs
Armband went to a player who did not play

Every Score, Ranked

PTS	CLUB	WORLD PCT	HIT
88	Gunner4Lyfe	0.7%	—
76	The Special Ones	4.7%	—
73	El Cochiloco	7.8%	—
73	captain bruno	7.3%	—
68	papoy	15.8%	—
68	Camp Nou Way	15.8%	—
68	are you aMAD	14.3%	—
65	szobamela	20.6%	—
64	Gaucho F.C.	24.2%	—
63	Bart's Team	26.8%	—
63	Saka la bolsita	27.5%	—
62	fc rtw	30.7%	—
59	GP FC	36.6%	—
59	Akatsuki	39.1%	—
54	BruceBall	51.9%	—
52	Dang Football Club	59.8%	—
52	Red Lobster FC	60.6%	—
51	Newpi	60.7%	—
46	sakadeez	76.0%	−4
36	MAD Baller	91.3%	—
35	FK Jizmaila Sarr	92.4%	—

The Bench Graveyard

POINTS LEFT UNUSED, AND WHO LEFT THEM

PTS	CLUB	WHO SCORED ON THE BENCH
17	Saka la bolsita	Leno 3, Delap 13, Diop 1
13	sakadeez	Trafford 10, Mendy 3
11	El Cochiloco	Verbruggen 6, Schade 1, Hall 4
11	Dang Football Club	Kinsky 2, Kamada 2, Ajayi 6, Richards 1
11	Akatsuki	Verbruggen 6, Egan 2, Wilson 1, Gonzalo 2
10	MAD Baller	A.Becker 4, Hill 4, Havertz 2
8	captain bruno	Lammens 1, Kroupi.Jr 1, Hill 4, Doku 2
7	Gaucho F.C.	Kinsky 2, Calvert-Lewin 2, van Ewijk 1, Slater 2
7	Bart's Team	Gibbs-White 5, Diop 1, Akpom 1

ZERO-MINUTE CAPTAINS

BruceBall → Raya · 12 pts

Combined return from those armbands: **12 points.**

CHIP INVENTORY

Full arsenals (5): The Special Ones, Camp Nou Way, FK Jizmaila Sarr, Newpi, BruceBall.

Running dry (5): Gaucho F.C. (1), Bart's Team (1), El Cochiloco (1), Dang Football Club (1), papoy (1).

The league has spent 30 chips of a possible 84.

SELF-INFLICTED LOSSES

Transfers executed: **22**. Points paid in deductions: **4**. Points abandoned on benches: **119**.

Combined waste in a single gameweek: **123 points**.

MOST OWNED IN THE LEAGUE

Raya 13/21 · **Haaland** 13/21 · **Rogers** 11/21 · **Groß** 11/21 · **De Cuyper** 9/21 · **Evanilson** 9/21 · **Palmer** 9/21 · **B.Fernandes** 8/21 · **Ødegaard** 8/21 · **Gabriel** 8/21 · **Guéhi** 7/21 · **N.Jackson** 7/21

14 of 21 beat the global average of 55. 20 of 21 took no points deduction at all. Our best week, 88, finished 51 points short of the global best of 139.

Chip Matrix

FILLED SQUARE MEANS SPENT · OPEN SQUARE MEANS STILL AVAILABLE

#	CLUB	WILDCARD	FREE HIT	BENCH BOOST	TRIPLE CAPTAIN	LEFT	SPENT IN
01	**Gaucho F.C.**	□	■	■	■	1	Bench Boost (GW2), Triple Captain (GW3), Free Hit (GW4)
02	**Bart's Team**	■	□	■	■	1	Bench Boost (GW2), Triple Captain (GW3), Wildcard (GW4)
03	**Gunner4Lyfe**	□	□	■	■	2	Triple Captain (GW3), Bench Boost (GW8)
04	**Saka la bolsita**	□	□	□	■	3	Triple Captain (GW3)
05	**El Cochiloco**	■	□	■	■	1	Bench Boost (GW1), Triple Captain (GW3), Wildcard (GW6)
06	**szobamela**	□	□	□	■	3	Triple Captain (GW3)
07	**Dang Football Club**	□	■	■	■	1	Bench Boost (GW2), Triple Captain (GW3), Free Hit (GW4)
08	**papoy**	□	■	■	■	1	Bench Boost (GW2), Triple Captain (GW3), Free Hit (GW4)
09	**The Special Ones**	□	□	□	□	4	—
10	**Camp Nou Way**	□	□	□	□	4	—
11	**Red Lobster FC**	□	□	□	■	3	Triple Captain (GW7)
12	**fc rtw**	■	□	□	□	3	Wildcard (GW2)
13	**MAD Baller**	□	□	■	□	3	Bench Boost (GW4)
14	**FK Jizmaila Sarr**	□	□	□	□	4	—
15	**are you aMAD**	■	□	□	□	3	Wildcard (GW4)
16	**sakadeez**	■	□	□	■	2	Wildcard (GW2), Triple Captain (GW3)
17	**GP FC**	□	□	■	■	2	Triple Captain (GW4), Bench Boost (GW5)
18	**Akatsuki**	□	□	□	■	3	Triple Captain (GW10)
19	**Newpi**	□	□	□	□	4	—
20	**BruceBall**	□	□	□	□	4	—
21	**captain bruno**	□	□	■	■	2	Triple Captain (GW4), Bench Boost (GW8)

The Armband Audit

WHO WAS CAPTAINED, WHO ACTUALLY WORE IT, AND WHAT IT RETURNED

#	CLUB	NAMED CAPTAIN	CLUB	MINS	RAW	MULT	ARMBAND FELL TO	EFFECTIVE	% OF GW
01	**Gaucho F.C.**	Haaland	MCI	90	2	×2	—	**4**	6%
02	**Bart's Team**	Haaland	MCI	90	2	×2	—	**4**	6%
03	**Gunner4Lyfe**	Isak	LIV	90	8	×2	—	**16**	18%
04	**Saka la bolsita**	Evanilson	BOU	84	9	×2	—	**18**	29%
05	**El Cochiloco**	Haaland	MCI	90	2	×2	—	**4**	5%
06	**szobamela**	Haaland	MCI	90	2	×2	—	**4**	6%
07	**Dang Football Club**	Haaland	MCI	90	2	×2	—	**4**	8%
08	**papoy**	Evanilson	BOU	84	9	×2	—	**18**	26%
09	**The Special Ones**	Ødegaard	ARS	90	11	×2	—	**22**	29%
10	**Camp Nou Way**	Evanilson	BOU	84	9	×2	—	**18**	26%
11	**Red Lobster FC**	Haaland	MCI	90	2	×2	—	**4**	8%
12	**fc rtw**	Palmer	CHE	90	2	×2	—	**4**	6%
13	**MAD Baller**	Anderson	MCI	90	2	×2	—	**4**	11%
14	**FK Jizmaila Sarr**	Haaland	MCI	90	2	×2	—	**4**	11%
15	**are you aMAD**	Groß	BHA	90	10	×2	—	**20**	29%
16	**sakadeez**	Rogers	CHE	90	2	×2	—	**4**	9%
17	**GP FC**	Cherki	MCI	90	9	×2	—	**18**	31%
18	**Akatsuki**	Isak	LIV	90	8	×3	—	**24**	41%
19	**Newpi**	Haaland	MCI	90	2	×2	—	**4**	8%
20	**BruceBall**	João Pedro	CHE	0	0	×1	Raya	**12**	22%
21	**captain bruno**	Manzambi	AVL	77	2	×2	—	**4**	5%

Captaincy Share

PLAYER	CLUBS	SHARE
Haaland	8	38%
Evanilson	3	14%
Isak	2	10%
Ødegaard	1	5%
Palmer	1	5%
Anderson	1	5%
Groß	1	5%
Rogers	1	5%
Cherki	1	5%
João Pedro	1	5%
Manzambi	1	5%

Vice-Captains Named

PLAYER	CLUBS
Rogers	4
Raya	3
B.Fernandes	3
N.Jackson	2
Tavernier	1
Evanilson	1
Haaland	1
João Pedro	1

BEST ARMBAND IN THE LEAGUE

Akatsuki

Isak returned **24** points, which was 41% of the club's entire gameweek.

League Ownership

HOW MANY OF THE 21 CLUBS HELD EACH PLAYER IN GAMEWEEK 10, SPLIT BY SELECTION

PLAYER	POS	CLUB	£M	PTS	OWNED	STARTED	BENCHED
Raya	GKP	ARS	6.2	6	**13**	13	0
Haaland	FWD	MCI	15.8	2	**13**	13	0
Groß	MID	BHA	6.3	10	**11**	11	0
Rogers	MID	CHE	8.2	2	**11**	11	0
Evanilson	FWD	BOU	6.5	9	**9**	9	0
De Cuyper	DEF	BHA	5.5	6	**9**	9	0
Palmer	MID	CHE	9.8	2	**9**	8	1
Ødegaard	MID	ARS	6.7	11	**8**	8	0
B.Fernandes	MID	MUN	11.6	10	**8**	8	0
Gabriel	DEF	ARS	8.1	8	**8**	8	0
N.Jackson	FWD	AVL	7.1	11	**7**	7	0
Calafiori	DEF	ARS	5.9	6	**7**	7	0
Guéhi	DEF	MCI	6.0	0	**7**	7	0
João Pedro	FWD	CHE	7.6	0	**7**	2	5
Cherki	MID	MCI	7.9	9	**5**	5	0
Konsa	DEF	ARS	4.8	8	**5**	5	0

CAPTAINED WITHOUT MINUTES

BruceBall captained a player who recorded no minutes, and the armband passed on by rule. Combined return from the armband: 12 points.

HIGHEST RETURNING ASSETS

Delap 13 pts, owned by 1 · **E.Le Fée** 11 pts, owned by 1 · **Ødegaard** 11 pts, owned by 8 · **N.Jackson** 11 pts, owned by 7 · **B.Fernandes** 10 pts, owned by 8 · **Groß** 10 pts, owned by 11 · **Muharemović** 10 pts, owned by 4 · **McGinn** 10 pts, owned by 2 · **Trafford** 10 pts, owned by 1 · **Evanilson** 9 pts, owned by 9

TRUE DIFFERENTIALS · OWNED BY ONE CLUB

Delap 13 · **E.Le Fée** 11 · **Trafford** 10 · **Gomez** 9 · **Mykolenko** 8 · **Bogle** 7 · **Szoboszlai** 7 · **Hume** 6 · **Pedro Porro** 5 · **O'Nien** 5 · **Brobbey** 4 · **Jacquet** 4 · **A.Becker** 4 · **Mainoo** 4 · **Silva** 3 · **Bobb** 3 · **Ajer** 2 · **Slater** 2 · **Rudoni** 2 · **Rayan** 2 · **Janelt** 2 · **Kamada** 2 · **Enzo** 2 · **Anderson** 2 · **Marmoush** 2 · **Muñoz** 2 · **Egan** 2 · **McBurnie** 2 · **Barnes** 2 · **Manzambi** 2 · **Akpom** 1 · **Xhaka** 1 · **Keane** 1 · **Schade** 1 · **Richards** 1 · **Matheus N.** 1 · **Dasilva** 1 · **Foden** 1 · **Wilson** 1 · **Lammens** 1 · **Kroupi.Jr** 1 · **Bentley** 0 · **Cash** 0 · **Thomas** 0 · **Aït-Nouri** 0 · **Frimpong** 0 · **Stach** 0 · **Šeško** 0 · **Saka** 0 · **Olusesi** 0 · **Reed** 0 · **Forster** 0 · **J.Cuenca** 0 · **Austin** 0 · **Mukasa** 0 · **Furo** 0 · **Walle Egeli** 0 · **Aina** 0 · **Benda** 0 · **O.Richards** 0 · **Shahar** 0 · **Woltemade** 0 · **Davis** -1

The verdict. Haaland was the most popular captain, chosen by 8 clubs. A multiplier of ×0 means the named captain did not play, and the armband passed to the vice-captain by rule.

The Back Page

NOTICES, RECORDS AND THE WEEK AHEAD

NOTICE TO MANAGERS

The Gameweek 11 deadline falls on Saturday 21 November 2026 at 11:00 UTC. Team news is published before then and this newspaper recommends reading it.

A REMINDER ON ARITHMETIC

This league surrendered **4 points** to transfer deductions and abandoned **119 points** on benches in Gameweek 10 alone. No transfer is compulsory.

ON READING TEAM SHEETS

1 club appointed a captain who did not play. The information was published in advance and was available at no cost.

What Awaits In Gameweek 11

EVERY FIXTURE IN THE GAMEWEEK · DIFFICULTY AS RATED BY THE GAME

HOME	DIFF		AWAY	DIFF	KICK-OFF
MCI	2	v	FUL	5	Sat 21 Nov, 12:30
AVL	2	v	SUN	3	Sat 21 Nov, 15:00
BOU	3	v	NFO	4	Sat 21 Nov, 15:00
CHE	3	v	LEE	4	Sat 21 Nov, 15:00
COV	2	v	CRY	2	Sat 21 Nov, 15:00
TOT	2	v	IPS	3	Sat 21 Nov, 15:00
NEW	4	v	ARS	3	Sat 21 Nov, 17:30
HUL	4	v	BHA	2	Sun 22 Nov, 14:00
LIV	3	v	MUN	4	Sun 22 Nov, 16:30
BRE	3	v	EVE	4	Mon 23 Nov, 20:00

Difficulty is the game's own rating, 1 easiest to 5 hardest, from that club's perspective.

The Transfer Market

EVERY PLAYER BOUGHT AND SOLD ACROSS THIS LEAGUE IN GAMEWEEK 10

BOUGHT			SOLD		
Evanilson	4	9 pts	João Pedro	7	0 pts
N.Jackson	4	11 pts	Calvert-Lewin	2	2 pts
Rogers	2	2 pts	Thomas	1	0 pts
Silva	1	3 pts	Lacroix	1	0 pts
Muharemović	1	10 pts	Matthews	1	0 pts
Delap	1	13 pts	Mbeumo	1	2 pts
Raya	1	6 pts	Senesi	1	0 pts
De Cuyper	1	6 pts	Gibbs-White	1	5 pts
Barcola	1	5 pts	Semenyo	1	0 pts

MARKET NOTE

22 transfers were executed across this division. Evanilson was the most bought, by 4 clubs.

The Season So Far, In Records

EXTREMES RECORDED ACROSS EVERY GAMEWEEK PLAYED BY ANY CLUB IN THIS LEAGUE

HIGHEST WEEK	117	papoy	GW2	MOST BENCHED	29	El Cochiloco	GW6	BEST WORLD WEEK	6,422	Gunner4Lyfe	GW3
LOWEST WEEK	24	Red Lobster FC	GW9	BIGGEST HIT	−52	captain bruno	GW7	WORST WORLD WEEK	10,909,333	Red Lobster FC	GW9

The Fixture Planner

GAMEWEEKS 11 TO 15 · EVERY PREMIER LEAGUE SIDE · DIFFICULTY AS RATED BY THE GAME

How to read this page. Each cell shows the opponent, whether the fixture is home (H) or away (A), and the official difficulty rating from that club's perspective — **2 is kind, 3 is neutral, 4 is awkward, 5 is punishing**. **Total** adds the ratings together, so a lower total is a better run. The final column shows how many of this league's twenty-one clubs own at least one player from that side.

#	CLUB	GW11	GW12	GW13	GW14	GW15	TOTAL	OWNED BY
01	Aston Villa	SUN (H) 2	IPS (A) 2	EVE (H) 3	CRY (H) 2	COV (A) 2	11	9
02	Coventry City	CRY (H) 2	LEE (A) 3	IPS (H) 2	MUN (A) 3	AVL (H) 3	13	5
03	Spurs	IPS (H) 2	SUN (A) 3	FUL (H) 2	ARS (H) 4	HUL (A) 2	13	8
04	Brighton	HUL (A) 2	NEW (H) 3	BOU (A) 4	NFO (A) 2	EVE (H) 3	14	17
05	Crystal Palace	COV (A) 2	HUL (H) 2	CHE (A) 4	AVL (A) 3	MUN (H) 3	14	1
06	Ipswich Town	TOT (A) 3	AVL (H) 3	COV (A) 2	LEE (A) 3	NEW (H) 3	14	7
07	Man Utd	LIV (A) 4	BRE (H) 3	NEW (A) 3	COV (H) 2	CRY (A) 2	14	15
08	Liverpool	MUN (H) 3	EVE (A) 3	SUN (H) 2	CHE (A) 4	LEE (H) 3	15	10
09	Newcastle	ARS (H) 4	BHA (A) 4	MUN (H) 3	SUN (H) 2	IPS (A) 2	15	6
10	Chelsea	LEE (H) 3	NFO (A) 2	CRY (H) 2	LIV (H) 4	MCI (A) 5	16	18
11	Hull City	BHA (H) 4	CRY (A) 2	NFO (H) 3	BOU (A) 4	TOT (H) 3	16	7
12	Sunderland	AVL (A) 3	TOT (H) 3	LIV (A) 4	NEW (A) 3	NFO (H) 3	16	4
13	Arsenal	NEW (A) 3	MCI (H) 4	BRE (A) 4	TOT (A) 3	BOU (H) 3	17	20
14	Bournemouth	NFO (H) 3	FUL (A) 3	BHA (H) 4	HUL (H) 2	ARS (A) 5	17	11
15	Brentford	EVE (H) 3	MUN (A) 3	ARS (H) 4	MCI (H) 4	FUL (A) 3	17	8
16	Everton	BRE (A) 4	LIV (H) 4	AVL (A) 3	FUL (H) 2	BHA (A) 4	17	5
17	Fulham	MCI (A) 5	BOU (H) 3	TOT (A) 3	EVE (A) 3	BRE (H) 3	17	7
18	Leeds	CHE (A) 4	COV (H) 2	MCI (A) 5	IPS (H) 2	LIV (A) 4	17	9
19	Nott'm Forest	BOU (A) 4	CHE (H) 4	HUL (A) 2	BHA (H) 4	SUN (A) 3	17	6
20	Man City	FUL (H) 2	ARS (A) 5	LEE (H) 3	BRE (A) 4	CHE (H) 4	18	21

Where This League Is Exposed

THE EIGHT MOST WIDELY OWNED SIDES IN THIS DIVISION, AGAINST THEIR NEXT FIVE

CLUB	OWNED BY	5-GW TOTAL	RUN
Man City	21/21	18	punishing
Arsenal	20/21	17	punishing
Chelsea	18/21	16	neutral
Brighton	17/21	14	kind
Man Utd	15/21	14	kind
Bournemouth	11/21	17	punishing
Liverpool	10/21	15	neutral
Aston Villa	9/21	11	kind

Reading The Run

Aston Villa hold the kindest schedule across the next five gameweeks, with a combined difficulty of **11**. **Man City** hold the hardest at **18**.

12 clubs in this league still hold three or more chips. A Wildcard played into a kind run is worth considerably more than one played in a panic.

The Gameweek 11 deadline is **Saturday 21 November** at **11:00 UTC**.

GAUCHO F.C. ANALYTICS FLOOR —

Leader Banks 64 Points, Holds A 26-Point Lead, Describes The Margin As Adequate

Leader confirms Haaland returned 4 as captain, the Wildcard is intact and the bench is within tolerance.

Gaucho F.C. gian jaen

RANK 01 OF 21 · 698 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
106,921	2,732,079	64/7	100.7
of 11,290,027 — top 0.95%	of 11,290,027 — top 24.20%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £1.7m · 1 transfers

STARTING XI · 64 PTS

GKP	Raya	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	Konsa	ARS	4.8	8
DEF	Ajer	BRE	4.5	2
DEF	Silva	BOU	5.1	3
DEF	De Cuyper	BHA	5.5	6
MID	Tavernier **(V)**	BOU	6.7	3
MID	E.Le Fée	SUN	5.7	11
MID	B.Fernandes	MUN	11.6	10
MID	Mbeumo	MUN	7.9	2
FWD	Evanilson	BOU	6.5	9
FWD	Haaland **(C)**	MCI	15.8	4

BENCH · 7 PTS

GKP	Kinsky	TOT	4.4	0
FWD	Calvert-Lewin	LEE	6.0	0
DEF	van Ewijk	COV	3.9	0
MID	Slater	HUL	4.5	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

Thomas 0 → Silva 3 +3

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~BENCH BOOST (GW2)~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW3)~~ ~~FREE HIT (GW4)~~ WILDCARD

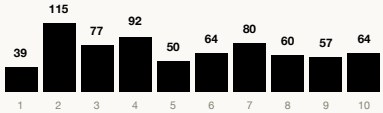
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	39	7,295,429	7,295,417	12	—
GW2	115	286,971	1,568,336	0	—
GW3	77	132,865	260,270	16	—
GW4	92	639,506	131,928	8	—
GW5	50	4,565,551	147,643	11	—
GW6	64	3,854,742	257,883	11	—
GW7	80	599,392	146,067	4	—
GW8	60	1,259,864	64,390	11	—
GW9	57	2,458,280	91,650	16	—
GW10	64	2,732,079	106,921	7	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
THIS CLUB	Gaucho F.C.	698	+0	1
BELOW	Bart's Team	672	-26	1

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You stay first on 698 points with only the Wildcard left unspent. Is that a leader's chip position or a leader's liability?
A. A single Wildcard held by the leader is the cheapest insurance in the game, because it can rebuild the squad in one move if the fixtures or injuries turn. Having already spent Bench Boost (GW2), Triple Captain (GW3), Free Hit (GW4), the model has harvested three chips and the table shows the return. The remaining instrument is a reserve and not a liability.

Q2. You scored 64 points against a global average of 55, with 1 transfer and no hit. Dominant or merely competent?
A. A 64-point week against an average of 55 is a clear positive deviation, delivered without paying a point in deductions. E.Le Fée returned 11 points and B.Fernandes returned 10, which is what a well-diversified squad produces. Ranking 2,732,079 in the world is respectable and not remarkable, which is the tone I prefer.

Q3. Haaland took the armband and returned 4 points doubled, and eight of the 21 clubs backed the same man. Does a shared captain count as a decision?
A. A shared captain is still a decision, and a shared decision is the lowest-variance way to hold a lead. The return was modest but the whole division shares it, so no ground was lost. Tavernier, my vice-captain, returned 3 points and was never required.

Q4. You left 7 points on the bench this week and 16 the week before. Is the selection model leaking?
A. Twenty-three bench points across two weeks is a leak worth a line in the audit, and I will not call it noise merely because that is convenient. This week the best of the four returned 2 points, so the eleven were selected correctly on the evidence available. I will review the pattern if it repeats a third time.

Q5. Bart's Team are 26 points behind you and hold only a Free Hit. Is the gap comfortable or fragile?
A. A lead of 26 points is larger than a normal captaincy swing, so I would call it comfortable but not closed. The manager behind me has spent the Wildcard, which removes his structural reset, and the Free Hit repairs only one week. I treat the position as favourable and keep the arithmetic running.

Q6. Your overall rank went from 91,650 to 106,921, a move of 15,271 places down, while you led the league. Does the global number worry you?
A. The global rank measures me against eleven million managers and the league lead measures me against twenty, and the two do not need to agree every week. A 64-point week against a world average of 55 was enough to lead locally and not quite enough to improve my world position. I would be concerned only if the movement continued across a month.

Q7. Your one transfer was Silva in for Thomas. What was the logic?
A. Silva returned 3 points and Thomas returned none, so the move cost nothing and gained a small amount. The decision was made on minutes and fixtures and the outcome is consistent with both. I do not rewrite a process around three points, which is why the instruction to the model is unchanged.

Q8. Gunner4Lyfe posted 88 in Gameweek 10, the best in the league, and climbed to third. Does that register in the model?
A. It registers as a single observation, and one extreme week closes only part of a gap. He remains 52 points behind me and spent a Bench Boost in Gameweek 8 that cannot be spent again. I will monitor the trend and not the outlier.

Q9. You scored 57 in Gameweek 9 against a world average of 47, then 64 in Gameweek 10. Is the lead built on steady weeks?
A. Steady weeks are the entire point, and two consecutive results above the world average is what a stable process looks like. Gameweek 9 ranked 2,458,280 in the world and this week ranked 2,732,079, so neither was spectacular and both were sufficient. A leader does not need to win weeks, only to avoid losing them.

Q10. You hold £1.7m in the bank and a squad worth £100.7m. Is the cash doing any work?
A. A balance of £1.7m is a buffer for an urgent transfer and not an investment, so its value lies in being available without compromising the eleven. A larger buffer would imply under-investment and a smaller one would remove flexibility. A squad worth £100.7m tells me the build is sound.

Q11. Your overall rank is 106,921 of 11,290,027, the top 0.95 percent. Does a number like that change how you hold a lead?
A. Being 106,921 out of 11,290,027 places this season in the extreme tail of the global distribution, and the tail is where variance is least forgiving. It does not change the process but it does raise the cost of a bad week. A leader with that standing needs fewer heroics and more arithmetic.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You lead on 698 points, overall rank 106,921 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard remaining and £1.7m banked, 26 clear of second. How do you convert a lead into a defensible one?

Treat the Wildcard as strictly defensive and hold it until a fixture divergence or an injury cluster makes the squad structurally wrong. Fix the bench first, because 16 bench points one week and 7 the next is the most visible leak in the model, and use the banked £1.7m on one decisive upgrade. With the rivals behind you holding thinner chip reserves, the path is to keep the armband on a high-floor player, avoid hits and let their remaining chips come to you.

BART'S TEAM HEADQUARTERS —

Runner-Up Holds Second, Describes Being 26 Points Behind As A Strategic Position

Manager confirms the Free Hit is his only remaining chip and that Evanilson, bought for João Pedro, returned 9 points.

Bart's Team

Bart Simp

RANK 02 OF 21 **672 PTS**

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
383,122	**3,022,376**	**63/7**	**102.3**
of 11,290,027 — top **3.39%**	of 11,290,027 — top **26.77%**	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £4.2m · 1 transfers

STARTING XI · 63 PTS

GKP	Raya	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	Konsa	ARS	4.8	8
DEF	Tarkowski	EVE	6.2	2
DEF	Gvardiol	MCI	5.6	0
DEF	Mykolenko	EVE	4.6	8
MID	Ødegaard	ARS	6.7	11
MID	Rogers **(V)**	CHE	8.2	2
MID	Tavernier	BOU	6.7	3
MID	Groß	BHA	6.3	10
FWD	Evanilson	BOU	6.5	9
FWD	Haaland **(C)**	MCI	15.8	4

BENCH · 7 PTS

GKP	Bentley ⌀	COV	4.0	0
MID	Gibbs-White	NFO	7.8	0
DEF	Diop	IPS	3.9	0
FWD	Akpom	IPS	5.0	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

João Pedro	0 →	Evanilson	9	+9

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~BENCH BOOST (GW2)~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW3)~~ ~~WILDCARD (GW4)~~ FREE HIT

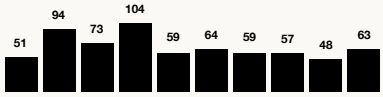
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	51	4,087,192	4,087,187	12	—
GW2	94	2,427,967	2,562,053	0	—
GW3	73	305,834	772,855	5	—
GW4	104	80,375	144,397	9	—
GW5	59	1,893,466	70,495	5	—
GW6	64	3,686,917	144,685	1	—
GW7	59	5,803,767	319,900	5	—
GW8	57	1,878,261	190,754	1	—
GW9	48	5,082,696	353,604	7	—
GW10	63	3,022,376	383,122	7	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	Gaucho F.C.	698	+26	1
THIS CLUB	Bart's Team	672	+0	1
BELOW	Gunner4Lyfe	646	−26	2

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You hold second on 672 points, 26 behind the leader, with only a Free Hit left. Did you spend your chips too eagerly?
A. I spent Bench Boost (GW2), Triple Captain (GW3), Wildcard (GW4) at the moment they were worth the most, which is why I am 26 points off the lead and not further. A chip in the locker has never scored a point, and some of you are hoarding them like biscuits in a siege. The Free Hit waits for the week it is genuinely needed.

Q2. You scored 63 points against a global average of 55, with 1 transfer and no hit. Was it a good week?
A. It was a good week and the average of 55 was beaten without a point of deduction. The single move brought in Evanilson for João Pedro, who played no minutes, and the new man returned 9 points. A manager who makes one precise move has a plan and a manager who makes none has a hope.

Q3. Haaland returned 4 points doubled, and eight of the 21 clubs backed the same man. Do you get credit for a popular captain?
A. Of course, because the alternative to the obvious captain is an expensive way of learning the obvious captain was right. The return was 4 points and the armband worked as designed even if the points were modest. When eight of 21 give the armband to one man, the manager who explains it best deserves the credit.

Q4. Your bench returned 7 points, with Gibbs-White returning 5 of them from the bench. Was the wrong man left out?
A. Gibbs-White returned 5 points from the bench and I will admit it is irritating, but a bench exists to cover the eleven and not to compete with it. The rest of the bench returned a combined 2 points, so the leak was one player and not a pattern. I do not pay premium prices for people who watch.

Q5. Gunner4Lyfe are 26 points behind you and Gaucho F.C. are 26 ahead. Which direction are you looking?
A. Upward, naturally, because the leader on 26 points clear is a gap that one big week can erase. Gunner4Lyfe are 26 points behind me, which I find reassuring, and I intend to keep it that way. The frontrunner looks at the front.

Q6. Your vice-captain Rogers returned 2 points. Is he still next in line?
A. Rogers played the full ninety minutes and the policy went unclaimed, which is the ideal outcome for an insurance policy. One quiet week is not a reason to reconsider. He keeps the role until somebody in my squad plays his way past him.

Q7. Your bank of £4.2m is the third largest in the league. Why leave cash idle?
A. That balance is deliberately liquid, because an emergency transfer at short notice costs more than a small cash buffer ever will. A squad value of £102.3m shows the team gaining on the market, which is the other kind of lead. Money sitting still is not wasted, it is waiting.

Q8. You scored 48 in Gameweek 9 against a world average of 47, then 63 in Gameweek 10. Consistent or merely adequate?
A. Consistent, and I will accept adequate as a synonym when it keeps me second. Both weeks beat the world average, which is more than several clubs below me can say. The frontrunner's job is to avoid disasters and I avoided both.

Q9. Gunner4Lyfe scored 88 and now sit 26 points behind. Should the frontrunner be nervous?
A. An 88 is a fine week and I salute it from a distance of 26 points. One week does not undo a gap, and he spent a Bench Boost in Gameweek 8 that cannot be spent again. I will keep one eye on him and the other on first place.

Q10. Your overall rank is 383,122 of 11,290,027, the top 3.39 percent. Does that matter more than the league?
A. Being 383,122 out of 11,290,027 is a verdict from the entire planet and I will be quoting it at dinner parties until May. The mini-league is twenty-one people I know personally and the global rank is evidence that the plan works. I would like both and I intend to have both.

Q11. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 3,022,376 of 11,290,027, the top 26.77 percent. Is 63 enough from a frontrunner?
A. A top 27 percent week is a standard I will accept from any manager, and the average of 55 was beaten without strain. I held second place and took no hit. The weeks that count are the ones where others make mistakes, and I made none.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are second on 672 points, 26 behind the leader, with only a Free Hit left and £4.2m banked. What is the route back to first?

Keep the armband on the highest-floor player and let the points arrive, because the leader holds a Wildcard and has had bench leaks of his own. Use the banked £4.2m on an upgrade at one position and not two small sidegrades, and reserve the Free Hit strictly for a blank or double gameweek. With a 26-point gap the lead is borrowed and it will be called in.

GUNNER4LYFE TRAINING FACILITY —

Arsenal Fan Posts 88, The Best Week In The League, And Climbs 2 Places To third

Isak's armband, Ødegaard, Raya and Gabriel combine for a world rank of 83,152 this week and an overall rank of 986,733.

Gunner4Lyfe Joshua Clarke

RANK 03 OF 21 · 646 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
986,733	83,152	88/2	100.5
of 11,290,027 — top 8.74%	of 11,290,027 — top 0.74%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £4.8m · 1 transfers

STARTING XI · 88 PTS

GKP	Raya	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	Gabriel	ARS	8.1	8
DEF	Muharemović	LEE	5.1	10
DEF	Guéhi	MCI	6.0	0
MID	Ødegaard	ARS	6.7	11
MID	Barcola	LIV	8.1	5
MID	Doku	MCI	7.5	2
MID	Groß	BHA	6.3	10
FWD	Evanilson **(V)**	BOU	6.5	9
FWD	N.Jackson	AVL	7.1	11
FWD	Isak **(C)**	LIV	9.3	16

BENCH · 2 PTS

GKP	Sánchez ⌀	CHE	4.9	0
MID	Xhaka	SUN	5.3	0
DEF	Cash ⌀	AVL	4.3	0
DEF	Keane	EVE	4.7	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

Lacroix	0 → Muharemović	10	+10

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW2)~~ ~~BENCH BOOST (GW8)~~ WILDCARD FREE HIT

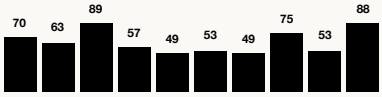
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	70	529,737	529,735	12	—
GW2	63	8,213,707	4,180,581	6	—
GW3	89	6,422	568,295	3	—
GW4	57	8,472,953	2,038,413	0	—
GW5	49	4,929,425	2,043,638	3	—
GW6	53	7,124,857	2,831,844	4	—
GW7	49	8,440,662	3,761,512	10	—
GW8	75	103,860	2,021,789	0	—
GW9	53	3,578,253	1,988,993	1	—
GW10	88	83,152	986,733	2	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	Bart's Team	672	+26	1
THIS CLUB	Gunner4Lyfe	646	+0	2
BELOW	Saka la bolsita	637	-9	3

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You posted 88 points, the best in the league, against a global average of 55. Is this the week the Arsenal plan paid off?
A. It is the week I have been explaining to this league since August and I will enjoy every minute. Raya, Gabriel and Ødegaard are three Arsenal players in the squad and between them they returned 6, 8 and 11 points. 88 points against an average of 55 is the answer to anyone who doubted the plan.

Q2. You captained Isak for 16 points doubled. Was that the right call?
A. Isak returned 8 points and the armband doubled them, which was a sound decision even if it was not the top return in my own squad. Ødegaard scored 11 and N.Jackson scored 11 and I would still pick the same captain on the same information. The vice-captain Evanilson returned 9 points and was never needed.

Q3. Your overall rank went from 1,988,993 to 986,733, a climb of 1,002,260 places. How does that feel?
A. It feels like a belated vindication and I will not pretend otherwise. Being 986,733 out of 11,290,027 is a rank I would not have predicted a few weeks ago and I did not predict it then. The lads have been good to me and I intend to return the favour.

Q4. You made one transfer, Muharemović in for Lacroix. Lacroix returned nothing and Muharemović returned 10. Skill or luck?
A. I would like to say skill and I will say it, because the decision was made on the fixtures and not on the name. Muharemović's 10 points is a return I will take gladly and Lacroix returned zero, which is the difference that matters. A little luck never hurt an Arsenal fan and I will not apologise for it.

Q5. You climbed from fifth to third, 2 places. Saka la bolsita are 9 behind and Bart's Team are 26 ahead. Is first in sight?
A. First is 52 points away, which is a large number, but second is 26 points up the road and that is a distance I can imagine covering. I am 9 ahead of Saka la bolsita and I intend to keep that gap. One more week like this one and the conversation changes.

Q6. You played Bench Boost in Gameweek 8 and your bench returned 2 points this week. Any regrets about timing?
A. None, because the Bench Boost went into Gameweek 8 and not into this one. A chip is judged on the week it is played and I have no wish to rewrite that. The Wildcard and the Free Hit are still in the locker.

Q7. Evanilson, your vice-captain, returned 9 while Isak returned 8. Did you consider him for the armband?
A. Evanilson scored 9 and I will admit it crossed my mind, but I do not captain on hindsight. Isak played the full ninety minutes and delivered, and the armband did its work. The vice-captain is a safety net and this week the net stayed folded.

Q8. You hold £4.8m in the bank and a squad worth £100.5m. Is the cash waiting for a purpose?
A. That money has been sitting in the account like a war chest and I am delighted it is still earning respect. £4.8m is the second-largest bank in the league, which gives me room for a proper upgrade when the moment comes. A squad value of £100.5m is not a number I intend to apologise for.

Q9. You scored 53 in Gameweek 9 and 88 in Gameweek 10. Which was the real you?
A. Both are the real me, and the gap between them is the cost of a squad still being tuned. In Gameweek 9 I scored 53 against a world average of 47 and in Gameweek 10 I scored 88 against 55, so I beat the average both times. The honest truth is that the second week was a bit of a surprise.

Q10. Your overall rank is 986,733 of 11,290,027, the top 8.74 percent. How does it feel to sit there?
A. It feels like vindication and I would like the full top 8.74 percent noted in the record. Being 986,733 out of 11,290,027 is a rank I would not have predicted a few weeks ago. The club has been good to me and I intend to return the favour.

Q11. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 83,152 of 11,290,027, the top 0.74 percent. Reaction?
A. Being in the top 1 percent of the planet is a feeling I want to bottle. 88 points against an average of 55 is a gap that is not common in my history. I would like to say it was always going to happen but the honest truth is that it was a surprise.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are third on 646 points, 26 behind second and 52 off the lead, overall rank 986,733 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit remaining and £4.8m banked. How do you keep climbing?

Keep the armband on a player with a secure place in the side, because this week it worked and the next may not be as kind. Use the banked £4.8m to fix a bench that returned 2 points and a Guéhi who played 45 minutes for no return, so the Wildcard when it comes rebuilds from strength. With a Wildcard and a Free Hit in hand and 26 points to second, the path is patience and clean decisions.

SAKA LA BOLSITA TRAINING GROUND —

Manager Leaves Delap On The Bench For 13 Points, Says It Is A Game Of Two Halves

Club signs Delap, benches him, watches him return 13 and slips a place, according to the gaffer.

Saka la bolsita Phillip Lopez

RANK 04 OF 21 **637 PTS**

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
1,272,097	3,104,107	63/17	100.4
of 11,290,027 — top 11.27%	of 11,290,027 — top 27.49%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.0m · 2 transfers

STARTING XI · 63 PTS

GKP	Raya	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	Gabriel	ARS	8.1	8
DEF	Muharemović	LEE	5.1	10
DEF	Maguire	MUN	4.6	0
MID	Groß	BHA	6.3	10
MID	Rogers	CHE	8.2	2
MID	Palmer	CHE	9.8	2
MID	Rice	ARS	7.5	3
MID	Rudoni	COV	4.9	2
FWD	Haaland **(V)**	MCI	15.8	2
FWD	Evanilson **(C)**	BOU	6.5	18

BENCH · 17 PTS

GKP	Leno	FUL	4.5	0
DEF	Thomas ⌀	COV	4.0	0
FWD	Delap	NFO	5.3	0
DEF	Diop	IPS	3.9	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

João Pedro	0 →	Delap	13	+13
Matthews	0 →	Raya	6	+6

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW3)~~ | WILDCARD | FREE HIT | BENCH BOOST

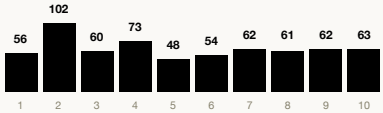
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	56	2,677,595	2,677,591	2	—
GW2	102	1,364,487	1,213,143	2	—
GW3	60	2,292,832	759,785	7	—
GW4	73	4,160,326	1,178,088	1	—
GW5	48	5,099,293	1,272,665	4	—
GW6	54	6,652,922	1,983,984	0	—
GW7	62	4,805,874	2,191,475	3	—
GW8	61	1,154,303	1,661,466	2	-4
GW9	62	1,337,808	1,301,453	0	—
GW10	63	3,104,107	1,272,097	17	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	Gunner4Lyfe	646	+9	2
THIS CLUB	Saka la bolsita	637	+0	3
BELOW	El Cochiloco	632	-5	1

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. Delap returned 13 points from your bench after you transferred him in. How does the gaffer rate that?
A. At the end of the day you have to make the big calls, and I made the big call to sign him and the bigger call to leave him out. Thirteen points on the bench is a bitter pill but the lads gave one hundred and ten percent and I will not blame the player. It is a game of two halves and this week the second half belonged to the dugout.

Q2. You scored 63 points against a global average of 55, with 2 transfers and no hit. Is that the performance you wanted?
A. Look, it is a good result and the boys deserve the credit, but there is a lot of work still to do. We beat the average of 55 by a fair distance and we keep our feet on the ground. It is a marathon and not a sprint, and this weekend we ran well.

Q3. Evanilson took the armband and returned 18 points doubled. Did the captain deliver?
A. The lad stood up when it mattered and that is what captains do. Evanilson returned 9 points and the armband doubled them, and you cannot ask for more than that. Three managers in this league made the same call and the proof is in the pudding.

Q4. You scored 62 in Gameweek 9 and 63 in Gameweek 10 yet fell from third to fourth. How does that feel?
A. It is a funny old game, because the lads put in a shift twice and the table still moved against us. Gameweek 9 brought 62 points against a world average of 47 and I would have taken that on any day. You can only control what you can control and the table will sort itself out.

Q5. El Cochiloco are 5 points behind you and Gunner4Lyfe are 9 ahead. Who is the rival?
A. We take one game at a time and we respect everybody, so I will not single anyone out. Gunner4Lyfe are 9 points ahead and El Cochiloco are 5 behind, so there is everything to play for. It is a tight league and the cream will rise to the top.

Q6. Your vice-captain Haaland returned 2 points. Is that a concern?
A. Haaland is a top, top player and when he has a quiet week it is just a quiet week. He returned 2 points and the captain delivered, so the vice-captaincy was never needed. You cannot judge a striker on ninety minutes.

Q7. You also swapped Matthews for Raya. Raya returned 6 and Matthews returned 0. Was that the best decision of the week?
A. Raya did the business and you cannot argue with the points, because Matthews returned nothing. It is a results business and the goalkeeper delivered when we needed him. You make the decision on the day and live with the consequences, like a man.

Q8. You have 3 chips left: Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost. When do you play them?
A. You play the cards when the time is right and not before, because a good manager knows when to twist and when to stick. We have all the options open and the squad is in a great place going forward. The chips will come out when the fixtures say so and not a moment earlier.

Q9. You hold £0.0m in the bank and a squad worth £100.4m. Is that deliberate?
A. We spent every penny on the lads and the cupboard is bare, which is how a proper club is run. A bank balance of £0.0m is the mark of a manager who backs his squad and £100.4m shows the plan is sound. You cannot take it with you so you might as well put it on the pitch.

Q10. Your overall rank is 1,272,097 of 11,290,027, the top 11.27 percent. Fair reflection?
A. It is a fair reflection of a decent campaign so far and the lads should be proud. Being 1,272,097 out of 11,290,027 is the foundation of something, and we build on foundations one brick at a time. There is plenty more to come and the best is yet to be.

Q11. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 3,104,107 of 11,290,027, the top 27.49 percent. How do you feel?
A. A top 27 percent week is a performance and a half and the gaffer is delighted. We got 63 points against an average of 55 and the boys put in a shift. It is the sort of display that wins you matches.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are fourth on 637 points, 9 behind Gunner4Lyfe, overall rank 1,272,097 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost untouched and £0.0m banked. What is the way forward?

Start the players who are in form, because 13 points sitting on the bench is a self-inflicted wound the lads have to make up before they can move forward. Keep the armband on a man who plays and use the Wildcard when the fixtures and injuries truly demand it, saving the Free Hit and Bench Boost for a double or a blank. You are 9 points off third and only 5 ahead of fifth, so if you stay patient the table will come to you.

EL COCHILOCO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES—

Man Scores 73, Still Drops A Place, Declares The Season Over Again

Club confirms the week was joint third best in the league and that this has changed nothing about the mood.

El Cochiloco Alfonso Castrejon

RANK 05 OF 21 **632 PTS**

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
1,438,406	**879,127**	**73/11**	**103.0**
of 11,290,027 — top **12.74%**	of 11,290,027 — top **7.79%**	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £2.7m · 1 transfers

STARTING XI · 73 PTS

GKP	Pickford	EVE	5.5	3
DEF	Konsa	ARS	4.8	8
DEF	Calafiori	ARS	5.9	6
DEF	De Cuyper	BHA	5.5	6
MID	Tavernier	BOU	6.7	3
MID	Groß	BHA	6.3	10
MID	Rogers	CHE	8.2	2
MID	Ødegaard	ARS	6.7	11
FWD	Haaland **(C)**	MCI	15.8	4
FWD	N.Jackson **(V)**	AVL	7.1	11
FWD	Evanilson	BOU	6.5	9

BENCH · 11 PTS

GKP	Verbruggen	BHA	4.7	0
MID	Schade	BRE	6.1	0
DEF	Gvardiol	MCI	5.6	0
DEF	Hall	NEW	5.2	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

Calvert-Lewin	2 →	Evanilson	9	+7

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~BENCH BOOST (GW1)~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW3)~~ ~~WILDCARD (GW6)~~ FREE HIT

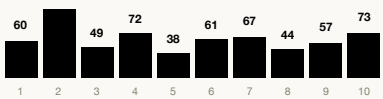
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	60	1,785,496	1,785,494	0	—
GW2	111	512,876	442,465	1	—
GW3	49	6,328,965	664,410	19	—
GW4	72	4,590,434	1,145,917	10	—
GW5	38	8,792,938	1,896,308	8	—
GW6	61	4,551,923	2,130,542	29	—
GW7	67	3,146,712	2,032,828	6	—
GW8	44	6,024,302	2,162,832	7	—
GW9	57	2,521,934	1,931,538	25	—
GW10	73	879,127	1,438,406	11	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	**Saka la bolsita**	637	+5	3
THIS CLUB	**El Cochiloco**	632	+0	1
BELOW	**szobamela**	621	−11	3

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 73 points, among the best in the league, and still fell from fourth to fifth. Is that the universe being unfair?
A. It is the universe being exactly as unfair as I have always said, and I will not be comforted by it. A week of 73 against an average of 55 would please a normal man, but I have never been one of those. The table moved against me by 1 place while I was doing everything right, which is the saddest sentence I know.

Q2. You made 1 transfer, Evanilson in for Calvert-Lewin, and Evanilson returned 9. Was that a good decision?
A. It was a good decision and I resent that it was, because good decisions make me hopeful and hope is dangerous. Calvert-Lewin returned 2 points and Evanilson returned 9, which is the sort of improvement I will remember at the worst possible moment. I will take it and I will be suspicious of it.

Q3. Haaland took the armband and returned 4 points doubled. Was Haaland a mistake?
A. It was the choice half the league made, which is exactly why it was bound to go quietly. The armband delivered 4 points and my vice-captain N.Jackson scored 11 on the same weekend, which feels like a personal message. I will not captain him this week and I will not captain him next week either, and I am sure I will be wrong.

Q4. Your bench returned 11 points, with Verbruggen alone returning 6. Did the bench cost you?
A. A bench of 11 points is a cruel detail in a week that was otherwise fine, and Verbruggen returning 6 from the substitutes is the sort of thing that finds me. Last week the bench returned 25 points, so I have now watched a significant number of points enjoy themselves without me. I will sit with that for a while.

Q5. Saka la bolsita are 5 points ahead and szobamela are 11 behind. Which is closer to your mood?
A. Both are close, and that is the problem, because there is a gap in each direction and I am never allowed to relax. szobamela are 11 behind me and Saka la bolsita are 5 in front, and neither number feels safe. I would rather be alone and far from everyone.

Q6. You have used Bench Boost (GW1), Triple Captain (GW3), Wildcard (GW6) and hold only Free Hit. Did you spend too soon?
A. I spent them in the belief that they would help, and that belief has now been tested by evidence. Bench Boost in Gameweek 1, Triple Captain in Gameweek 3 and the Wildcard in Gameweek 6 all felt like good ideas, which is the most worrying part. The Free Hit is the last card and I am afraid to look at it.

Q7. Your overall rank improved from 1,931,538 to 1,438,406. Does that cheer you up?
A. It improved by 493,132 places and I noticed, and then I thought about all the places still ahead of me. Being 1,438,406 out of 11,290,027 is a fine rank in which to suffer. I intend to do it with dignity.

Q8. You scored 57 in Gameweek 9 with 25 points left on the bench. How did that week feel?
A. It felt like watching a train leave with my luggage on it. The Gameweek 9 total of 57 beat the world average of 47 and I still counted the bench points that never played. Then Gameweek 10 arrived and the bench found another 11.

Q9. You hold £2.7m in the bank and a squad worth £103.0m, the highest value in the league. Does that comfort you?
A. A squad worth £103.0m should comfort a rational man, but I have never been one of those. The value rises while the table slips, and that is the saddest combination I can think of. A bank of £2.7m is a small mercy and I will use it for something small.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 879,127 of 11,290,027, the top 7.79 percent. Is it as good as it looks?
A. It is better than it looks, and I distrust it for that reason. A top 8 percent week of 73 points against an average of 55 should be a cause for joy and I am treating it as a warning. I am not angry, I am just waiting for the other shoe.

Q11. You were fourth last week and are now fifth. Where does the slide end?
A. It ends when it ends, and I do not think it has the courtesy to tell me in advance. I have slipped 1 place on a week when I scored 73, and that is the cruelest arithmetic I have seen. I would rather not know the bottom.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are fifth on 632 points, 66 off the lead, overall rank 1,438,406 of 11,290,027, with only Free Hit left and £2.7m banked. Is there any way back?

There is, and it begins with starting the players who score, because the bench has returned 25 points and 11 points in consecutive weeks. Keep the Free Hit for a genuine blank, and make your transfers early and with conviction so the points belong in the eleven. A gap of 66 points is not insurmountable, and what stands between you and the top is a few clean decisions and a little less melodrama.

SZOBAMELA HOUSE —

Man Holds Sixth, Makes No Transfers For Two Weeks, Describes It As Strategic Patience

Sources confirm the transfer window was ignored again, the vice-captain played no minutes and the espresso was excellent.

szobamela Jose Castrejon

RANK 06 OF 21 · 621 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
1,850,477	2,324,072	65/2	100.1
of 11,290,027 — top 16.39%	of 11,290,027 — top 20.59%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.0m · 0 transfers

STARTING XI · 65 PTS

GKP	Verbruggen	BHA	4.7	6
DEF	Diop	IPS	3.9	1
DEF	Maguire	MUN	4.6	0
DEF	Muharemović	LEE	5.1	10
MID	Gomez	BHA	5.0	9
MID	Mbeumo	MUN	7.9	2
MID	B.Fernandes	MUN	11.6	10
MID	Ødegaard	ARS	6.7	11
MID	Groß	BHA	6.3	10
FWD	Haaland **(C)**	MCI	15.8	4
FWD	Calvert-Lewin	LEE	6.0	2

BENCH · 2 PTS

GKP	Kinsky	TOT	4.4	0
DEF	Aït-Nouri ⌀	MCI	5.1	0
DEF	Frimpong ⌀	LIV	5.2	0
FWD	João Pedro **(V)** ⌀	CHE	7.6	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

No transfers executed in Gameweek 10.

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW3)~~ · WILDCARD · FREE HIT · BENCH BOOST

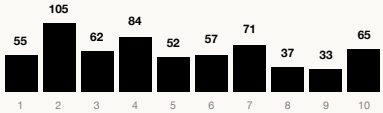
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	55	2,935,786	2,935,782	10	—
GW2	105	1,038,227	1,053,358	15	—
GW3	62	1,668,240	544,926	8	—
GW4	84	1,636,910	495,292	11	—
GW5	52	3,684,532	442,653	6	—
GW6	57	5,756,448	850,108	15	—
GW7	71	2,022,773	774,447	12	—
GW8	37	8,338,899	1,138,667	9	—
GW9	33	9,715,412	2,054,320	6	—
GW10	65	2,324,072	1,850,477	2	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	El Cochiloco	632	+11	1
THIS CLUB	szobamela	621	+0	3
BELOW	Dang Football Club	606	−15	1

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 65 points, above the global average of 55, after only 33 in Gameweek 9. Is this a recovery or a return to form?
A. It is a return to form, and I would like that printed somewhere near the top of the page. Gameweek 9 returned 33 points against a world average of 47 and I said nothing, because a gentleman does not explain a quiet weekend. This week 65 against 55 is the more accurate picture.

Q2. You made 0 transfers this week, and none last week either. Is that discipline or neglect?
A. It is discipline, and the distinction matters enormously in a league where some have paid points for the privilege of panicking. I kept my flexibility for later and spent my weekend doing something more rewarding than refreshing a price-change website. The squad that holds sixth does not need emergency surgery.

Q3. You captained Haaland for 4 points doubled, as seven other clubs did. Where is the contrarian streak?
A. Sometimes the contrarian position is to be right, and this weekend being right meant doing what a good part of the planet did. I will not resist an obvious decision merely because it is also a popular one. The contrarianism returns the moment the fixtures give me a reason to be difficult.

Q4. Your vice-captain João Pedro played no minutes. Was that a risk you accepted?
A. It was a risk I accepted and, as it happens, it was never invoiced because Haaland took the field and delivered. A vice-captain who does not play is a policy with no cover, and I am aware of that. I will review the arrangement, and then probably keep it.

Q5. Dang Football Club are 15 points behind you and El Cochiloco are 11 ahead. Is Dang Football Club a threat?
A. Khang is a hard-working young man with a spreadsheet and a Wildcard, and I wish him well from a distance of 15 points. He has used three chips to my one, which is a strange way to chase someone. I have no intention of looking over my shoulder until the shoulder becomes relevant.

Q6. You hold 3 chips: Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost. Is the reserve the threat of the league or a museum?
A. It is a reserve, and the managers above me have spent chips that I have kept, which is the real difference between us. I hold a Wildcard, a Free Hit and a Bench Boost and I intend to use them when the fixtures reward it. A museum is for objects and a reserve is for moments.

Q7. Your bench returned 2 points, with Kinsky returning 2. Why was a goalkeeper on the bench?
A. Kinsky is cover that I was not obliged to use and he returned only 2 points, so I will not lose sleep over it. A bench of 2 points tells me the starting eleven is where the value sits, which is the entire objective. I do not intend to apologise for owning two.

Q8. You have £0.0m in the bank and a squad worth £100.1m. Is the squad fully invested?
A. Every pound is on the pitch, which is precisely where pounds are supposed to be. A bank balance of £0.0m means there is nothing in the vault but I was not planning to buy anything. The value of £100.1m is the number I would like quoted.

Q9. Your overall rank improved from 2,054,320 to 1,850,477, the top 16.39 percent worldwide. How does that sit against your own expectations?
A. The top 16.39 percent of 11,290,027 people is a genuinely serious number and I intend to be insufferable about it. It confirms that sixth in this league is not a local accident but a globally competitive position. It also improved by 203,843 places this week, which I accept without surprise.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 2,324,072 of 11,290,027, the top 20.59 percent. Satisfied?
A. A top 21 percent week is satisfying and I will say so plainly, because a manager who cannot admit a good week is destined to forget it. A total of 65 against an average of 55 is closer to the standard I set. I held my place and kept every chip bar one.

Q11. You are sixth now and were sixth last week. Is this the ceiling or the floor?
A. This is the floor and I would like that printed in bold. I have climbed steadily with a Wildcard, a Free Hit and a Bench Boost unspent, which means my best football is entirely in reserve. The managers above me have played their best hands already.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You sit sixth on 621 points, 11 behind fifth and 77 off the top, overall rank 1,850,477 of 11,290,027, with 3 chips intact: Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost. What is the blueprint for first?

Your chip reserve is among the deepest in the top ten and the vice-captaincy is the leak, because a dormant vice-captain and a week of 33 points last time show how thin the margins can be. Use the Wildcard in the next suitable window to rebuild around guaranteed starters, then deploy the Bench Boost only when the bench is genuinely playing. Holding your nerve is a strategy, but nerve alone will not close a gap of 77 points.

DANG FC ANALYTICS FLOOR—

Rookie Leaves 11 Points On Bench, Holds £5.5m In Bank, Calls Both Hypotheses

Manager confirms the biggest bank in the league, a Wildcard in hand and a bench that included Ajayi's 6 points.

Dang Football Club Khang Dang

RANK 07 OF 21 · 606 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
2,534,627	6,751,743	52/11	100.9
of 11,290,027 — top 22.45%	of 11,290,027 — top 59.80%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £5.5m · 1 transfers

STARTING XI · 52 PTS

GKP	Verbruggen	BHA	4.7	6
DEF	Gabriel	ARS	8.1	8
DEF	Calafiori	ARS	5.9	6
DEF	Guéhi	MCI	6.0	0
MID	Tavernier	BOU	6.7	3
MID	Rayan **(V)**	BOU	6.3	2
MID	Groß	BHA	6.3	10
MID	Janelt	BRE	5.0	2
FWD	Haaland **(C)**	MCI	15.8	4
FWD	Calvert-Lewin	LEE	6.0	2
FWD	Evanilson	BOU	6.5	9

BENCH · 11 PTS

GKP	Kinsky	TOT	4.4	0
MID	Kamada	CRY	5.0	0
DEF	Ajayi	HUL	4.2	0
DEF	Richards	CRY	4.9	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

João Pedro	0 →	Evanilson	9	+9

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~BENCH BOOST (GW2)~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW3)~~ ~~FREE HIT (GW4)~~ WILDCARD

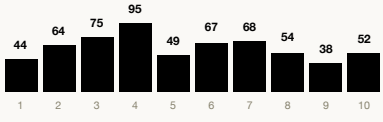
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	44	6,124,842	6,124,832	6	—
GW2	64	8,153,601	7,384,022	0	—
GW3	75	194,210	4,498,301	14	—
GW4	95	420,819	2,095,006	17	—
GW5	49	4,929,425	2,099,042	20	—
GW6	67	3,041,061	1,940,807	14	—
GW7	68	3,003,214	1,827,741	4	—
GW8	54	2,578,039	1,460,086	13	—
GW9	38	8,660,028	2,168,582	17	—
GW10	52	6,751,743	2,534,627	11	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	szobamela	621	+15	3
THIS CLUB	Dang Football Club	606	+0	1
BELOW	papoy	591	−15	1

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You left 11 points on the bench, with Ajayi returning 6 of them. Was that a mistake or a hypothesis?
A. I would like to characterise it as a hypothesis that produced extremely clear results, which is the whole point of the exercise. Ajayi delivered while I had him sitting down, and I have updated the model accordingly. I now have a spreadsheet that confirms I should have started him and a feeling that I already knew.

Q2. You scored 52 points against a global average of 55, with 1 transfer and no hit. Is that progress?
A. It is not progress in the sense that I fell short of the average, and I am rechecking the numbers to be sure. The single transfer was Evanilson for João Pedro and it worked, because Evanilson returned 9 and João Pedro played no minutes. I am cautiously pleased and also slightly alarmed.

Q3. Haaland took the armband and returned 4 points doubled. Was that a safe choice or an overthought one?
A. It was the choice the data supported and, to my relief, the choice my gut also supported, which rarely happens. I considered three alternatives and rejected all of them, and the result suggests I should have kept looking. The vice-captain Rayan played 85 minutes so the armband did not move.

Q4. You scored 38 in Gameweek 9 with 17 points left on the bench. Did you learn anything?
A. I learned that 17 bench points in one week is a number I cannot argue with, and I have colour-coded it accordingly. The week produced 38 points against a world average of 47 and the bench was most of the story. This week the bench returned 11 and I am forming a theory.

Q5. papoy are 15 points behind you and szobamela are 15 ahead. Which direction are you looking?
A. Both, constantly, which my family has described as a medical concern. szobamela are 15 points away and papoy are 15 behind, which means the middle of the table is a fair distance from either. I am running a simulation to establish who is more likely to blink first.

Q6. You used Bench Boost in Gameweek 2, Triple Captain in Gameweek 3 and Free Hit in Gameweek 4, keeping only the Wildcard. Was that sequence planned?
A. It was planned in the sense that I wrote it down and then changed it twice, so the version that happened was the third draft. The chips delivered what I asked of them and the Wildcard is the one I have kept for when the squad genuinely needs rebuilding. I have colour-coded the options and I do not intend to show anyone.

Q7. You hold £5.5m in the bank, the largest balance in the league, and a squad worth £100.9m. What is the plan for that cash?
A. The plan is to use it on one meaningful upgrade rather than three cosmetic ones, which I have confirmed with a flowchart. A balance of £5.5m is more than any other manager here holds and I intend to spend it wisely. I have not yet decided where and I will decide again tomorrow.

Q8. Your overall rank slipped from 2,168,582 to 2,534,627. Does that reassure you or alarm you?
A. It alarms me in a restrained way, because being 2,534,627 out of 11,290,027 is still a number I would have accepted in August without a second thought. I keep checking it to make sure it has not changed and it keeps being slightly worse. The overthinking has apparently been working, but only partly.

Q9. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 6,751,743 of 11,290,027, the top 59.80 percent. Satisfied?
A. A top 60 percent week with a bench that held 11 points is a result I find both mediocre and instructive. 52 points against an average of 55 is below the line and it could have been better, which is how I judge everything. I will take it and then spend the evening working out what the number would have been.

Q10. Your vice-captain Rayan returned 2 points. Why him?
A. Rayan was a calculated risk that was never invoiced and I have logged it under lessons learned. A vice-captain who plays and does nothing is not a catastrophe as long as the captain does not need replacing. I will review the situation and probably talk myself into keeping him.

Q11. You are seventh and were seventh last week. Is a movement of 0 places a sign of stability or stagnation?
A. I would call it stability, although I accept I would call anything stability if it meant I did not have to explain it. The table held and the points came in, which is roughly what the model predicted, apart from the bench. I am treating this as a quiet success.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are seventh on 606 points, 15 behind sixth and 92 off the lead, overall rank 2,534,627 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard left and £5.5m banked. What is the plan to climb?

Fix the bench first, because 17 points left behind in Gameweek 9 and 11 in Gameweek 10 is the most expensive leak in the squad. Hold the Wildcard until fixtures or injuries make a rebuild clearly worthwhile, and use the banked £5.5m on one decisive upgrade. The gap of 92 points is closable if you stop second-guessing the eleven and start trusting them.

PAPOY MOURNING ROOM —

Man Scores 68, Beats The World Average Of 55, Still Finds A Way To Apologise

Club moves 0 places, banks a week above average and is already drafting the apology.

papoy Alexis Segura

RANK 08 OF 21 · 591 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
3,279,146	1,778,028	68/7	100.7
of 11,290,027 — top 29.04%	of 11,290,027 — top 15.75%	world avg 55 · hit −0	bank £1.5m · 2 transfers

STARTING XI · 68 PTS

GKP	Verbruggen	BHA	4.7	6
DEF	Bogle	LEE	4.8	7
DEF	Gvardiol	MCI	5.6	0
DEF	De Cuyper	BHA	5.5	6
MID	Groß	BHA	6.3	10
MID	Tavernier	BOU	6.7	3
MID	B.Fernandes	MUN	11.6	10
MID	Rogers **(V)**	CHE	8.2	2
FWD	Brobbey	SUN	5.7	4
FWD	Haaland	MCI	15.8	2
FWD	Evanilson **(C)**	BOU	6.5	18

BENCH · 7 PTS

GKP	Palmer ⌀	IPS	4.0	0
MID	Stach ⌀	LEE	6.0	0
DEF	Diop	IPS	3.9	0
DEF	Hume	SUN	4.2	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

Mbeumo	2 →	Rogers	2	+0
João Pedro	0 →	Evanilson	9	+9

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~BENCH BOOST (GW2)~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW3)~~ ~~FREE HIT (GW4)~~ WILDCARD

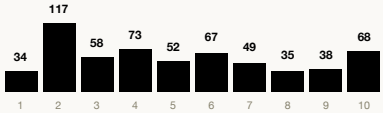
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	34	8,092,223	8,092,210	13	—
GW2	117	240,774	1,938,967	0	—
GW3	58	2,894,534	1,427,529	5	—
GW4	73	4,160,326	1,784,772	9	—
GW5	52	3,865,901	1,600,241	21	—
GW6	67	3,041,061	1,530,764	1	—
GW7	49	8,440,662	2,490,208	3	—
GW8	35	9,188,456	3,186,672	6	—
GW9	38	8,447,649	3,858,403	3	—
GW10	68	1,778,028	3,279,146	7	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	Dang Football Club	606	+15	1
THIS CLUB	papoy	591	+0	1
BELOW	The Special Ones	552	−39	4

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 68 points against a global average of 55, with 2 transfers and no hit. Was that a good week?
A. It was a good week and I am ashamed to say so, because every good week in this league is a lie waiting to be exposed. The average of 55 was beaten comfortably and I took no hit. I will take the points and I will apologise for them later.

Q2. You captained Evanilson, who returned 9 and so 18 doubled. Were you right for the wrong reasons?
A. I was right for reasons I cannot reconstruct and that is the most worrying kind of right. Evanilson played 84 minutes and delivered, and the armband did exactly what an armband is supposed to do. I will not be forgiven for it by the part of me that expected the worst.

Q3. Your two transfers were Rogers in for Mbeumo and Evanilson in for João Pedro. Mbeumo and Rogers each returned 2. Was the first one pointless?
A. The first transfer was pointless in points and I will carry that as a character flaw. The second brought in Evanilson, who returned 9 for a João Pedro who played no minutes. One out of two is not a record I am proud of, but I will not call it a failure.

Q4. Your bench returned 7 points, with Hume returning 6. Did you start the wrong player?
A. Hume returned 6 from the bench and I have already forgiven myself, which is a sign something has gone wrong. Palmer sat on the bench for no minutes and I have thought about that more than is healthy. A bench is a punishment you design yourself.

Q5. Dang Football Club are 15 points ahead and The Special Ones are 39 behind. Is the gap behind you a comfort?
A. It is a comfort and I do not trust it, because The Special Ones sit 39 points back and in this league that is a safe distance only until it is not. Dang Football Club are 15 points ahead and I look at that number every morning. A man can be comfortable and anxious at once, and I am both.

Q6. You scored 38 in Gameweek 9 against a world average of 47, then 68. Is the improvement real?
A. It is real in the sense that points were recorded and I cannot undo them. Gameweek 9 returned 38 against a world average of 47 and Gameweek 10 returned 68, so the squad did what I asked, which I find suspicious. I am waiting for the correction.

Q7. You hold only the Wildcard, having used Bench Boost (GW2), Triple Captain (GW3), Free Hit (GW4). Was that wise?
A. It was wise at the time and I have regretted it every week since, which is how I judge all my decisions. The chips delivered what they were supposed to deliver and the Wildcard remains for when I have made enough mistakes to need it. I expect that day will come.

Q8. You hold £1.5m in the bank and a squad worth £100.7m. Is that cash a mistake?
A. It is a mistake and I am in the process of discovering why. A balance of £1.5m is not idle money, but it is not working either, and I know the difference. The value of £100.7m is the number I will quote when I have to defend myself.

Q9. Your overall rank improved from 3,858,403 to 3,279,146, the top 29.04 percent. Does that please you?
A. It pleases me in a way that I expect to be punished for. Being 3,279,146 out of 11,290,027 is a fine position and it improved by 579,257 places this week. I accept the good news the way a man accepts a suspicious envelope.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 1,778,028 of 11,290,027, the top 15.75 percent. Fair?
A. It is fair and that is the worst part, because I cannot find anyone to blame. A top 16 percent week of 68 points against an average of 55 was earned, and I know it. I will spend the evening looking for the flaw.

Q11. You are eighth again after being eighth last week. Is standing still a failure?
A. Standing still is a failure when everyone around you is moving, and some people did move. I held eighth on 591 points and the table is a ladder I am not climbing. I will try to be braver, and I will probably regret that too.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are eighth on 591 points, 15 behind Dang Football Club and 107 off the lead, overall rank 3,279,146 of 11,290,027, with only the Wildcard left and £1.5m banked. What now?

Stop apologising for good weeks, because a man who scores 68 against an average of 55 has earned the right to be pleased. Keep the armband on a player who is certain to play, and use the Wildcard only when the squad is genuinely broken, not when it merely feels broken. The gap to Dang Football Club is 15 points and the way up is more of what worked this week.

THE SPECIAL ONES DUGOUT —

Special One Climbs 3 Places To ninth, Posts 76, Leaves All Four Chips Untouched

Ødegaard's armband returned 22, the bench scored nothing and not a single chip has been spent.

The Special Ones Cameron Walker

RANK 09 OF 21 · 552 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
5,357,502	528,049	76/0	100.5
of 11,290,027 — top 47.45%	of 11,290,027 — top 4.68%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.0m · 0 transfers

STARTING XI · 76 PTS

GKP	Donnarumma	MCI	5.4	1
DEF	Virgil **(V)**	LIV	6.4	4
DEF	Jacquet	LIV	5.1	4
DEF	Ajayi	HUL	4.2	6
DEF	Calafiori	ARS	5.9	6
DEF	Mendy	HUL	4.1	3
MID	B.Fernandes	MUN	11.6	10
MID	Ødegaard **(C)**	ARS	6.7	22
MID	Rogers	CHE	8.2	2
MID	McGinn	AVL	5.4	10
FWD	Isak	LIV	9.3	8

BENCH · 0 PTS

GKP	Steele ⌀	BHA	4.0	0
FWD	João Pedro ⌀	CHE	7.6	0
FWD	Šeško ⌀	MUN	6.9	0
MID	Saka ⌀	ARS	9.4	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

No transfers executed in Gameweek 10.

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~WILDCARD~~ ~~FREE HIT~~ ~~BENCH BOOST~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN~~

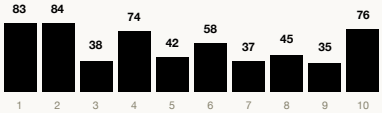
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	83	55,917	55,917	1	—
GW2	84	4,114,227	618,053	1	—
GW3	38	9,460,121	1,805,607	11	—
GW4	74	4,155,710	3,885,308	3	−20
GW5	42	7,325,912	4,438,980	0	—
GW6	58	5,455,737	4,516,229	3	—
GW7	37	10,292,812	6,004,269	3	—
GW8	45	5,402,601	6,018,275	0	—
GW9	35	9,259,322	6,552,204	0	—
GW10	76	528,049	5,357,502	0	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	**papoy**	591	+39	1
THIS CLUB	**The Special Ones**	552	+0	4
BELOW	**Camp Nou Way**	549	−3	4

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You climbed from twelfth to ninth, the biggest rise in the league, on 76 points. Is the special one back?
A. I have always been humble and now I am humble and ninth. The climb of 3 places is the largest in the league this week and I will accept the credit quietly. I will not call it a comeback, because I never left.

Q2. You scored 76 points against a global average of 55, the second best in the league, with no transfers. How did you do it?
A. With a squad I trusted and a bench I did not need, because 0 points were left behind and every starter earned his place. B.Fernandes returned 10 and McGinn returned 10 while Ødegaard took the armband. A manager who makes no transfers and scores 76 has earned the right to say nothing.

Q3. Ødegaard took the armband and returned 22 points doubled. Was that the plan?
A. It was the plan, and I will say so with the straight face of a man who was not sure. Ødegaard scored 11 and the armband made it 22, which is the second-best armband in the league. The vice-captain Virgil returned 4 points and was never needed.

Q4. You scored 35 in Gameweek 9 against a world average of 47. How bad was that week?
A. It was bad and I will not dress it up, because 35 points against a world average of 47 is a result I would rather forget. I was ranked 9,259,322 in the world and I felt every one of those places. This week was the reply.

Q5. papoy are 39 points ahead and Camp Nou Way are 3 behind. Do you look up or down?
A. I look at Camp Nou Way, because they are 3 points behind and a single week could swap us. papoy are 39 points away, which is a distance I respect and cannot cross in one night. I will keep my eyes on the road.

Q6. You have used no chips at all. Is that patience or paralysis?
A. It is patience, and I would like that carved above the dugout. Having 4 chips unspent means I hold a Wildcard, a Free Hit, a Bench Boost and a Triple Captain for the weeks that matter. The chips are ammunition and I am not a man who fires in the dark.

Q7. Your overall rank is 5,357,502 of 11,290,027, up from 6,552,204, a climb of 1,194,702 places. Does that feel special?
A. It feels earned, and I will leave the adjectives to others. Being 5,357,502 out of 11,290,027 is the top 47.45 percent and that is a rank I will defend. I intend to stay in the upper half.

Q8. Your bench of Steele, João Pedro, Šeško and Saka returned nothing and played no minutes. Is that a bench?
A. It is a bench in the sense that it is available, and it scored nothing, which is what I paid for. A bench that plays no minutes costs me no points when the eleven all play. I will upgrade it when the fixtures give me a reason.

Q9. You hold £0.0m in the bank and a squad worth £100.5m. Is the squad fully invested?
A. Every pound is on the pitch and nothing is left in the vault, which is how I like it. The squad is worth £100.5m and I have not spent time worrying about the last tenth. The cash is working harder than it was.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 528,049 of 11,290,027, the top 4.68 percent. Is that the best of your season?
A. It is a top 5 percent week and I will not claim more than the numbers allow. 76 points against an average of 55 is a result that deserves respect, and I intend to give it some. The season is long and the Special One does not celebrate in November.

Q11. You are ninth, 3 points ahead of Camp Nou Way. Is that margin safe?
A. It is the opposite of safe and I know it, because 3 points is less than a good captaincy week. Camp Nou Way will be looking at the same number and thinking the same thing. I will not relax until the number grows.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are ninth on 552 points, 39 behind papoy and 146 off the lead, overall rank 5,357,502 of 11,290,027, with all 4 chips intact and £0.0m banked. How do you finish the job?

Spend a chip on purpose and not on impulse, because four unused chips are a large untapped asset and they do nothing in the locker. Fix the bench so a future Bench Boost has real players to boost, and keep the armband on a player who plays every minute. With 146 points to find, the plan is to use the reserves the others have already spent.

CAMP NOU WAY, SUNNY SIDE—

Manager Scores 68, Makes Two Transfers, Reports Having A Lovely Time

Club confirms N.Jackson scored 11, all four chips remain and the squad is, as ever, fine.

Camp Nou Way

Abner Chavez

RANK 10 OF 21 **549 PTS**

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
5,505,490	1,778,028	68/1	98.7
of 11,290,027 — top 48.76%	of 11,290,027 — top 15.75%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.5m · 2 transfers

STARTING XI · 68 PTS

GKP	Raya **(V)**	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	Virgil	LIV	6.4	4
DEF	Gabriel	ARS	8.1	8
DEF	Guéhi	MCI	6.0	0
DEF	De Cuyper	BHA	5.5	6
MID	Enzo	MCI	6.9	2
MID	Cunha	MUN	7.8	5
MID	Gibbs-White	NFO	7.8	5
MID	Rice	ARS	7.5	3
FWD	Evanilson **(C)**	BOU	6.5	18
FWD	N.Jackson	AVL	7.1	11

BENCH · 1 PTS

GKP	Sánchez ⌀	CHE	4.9	0
DEF	Matheus N.	MCI	5.9	0
MID	Olusesi ⌀	TOT	4.4	0
FWD	João Pedro ⌀	CHE	7.6	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

Senesi	0 →	De Cuyper	6	+6
Calvert-Lewin	2 →	N.Jackson	11	+9

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~WILDCARD~~ ~~FREE HIT~~ ~~BENCH BOOST~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN~~

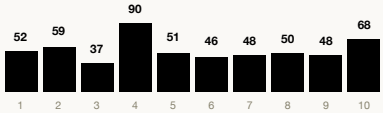
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	52	3,770,915	3,770,910	2	—
GW2	59	8,746,454	7,027,324	0	—
GW3	37	9,502,808	7,994,540	0	—
GW4	90	834,741	5,793,085	0	—
GW5	51	4,210,352	5,464,308	0	—
GW6	46	8,890,480	6,227,117	0	—
GW7	48	8,783,493	6,739,736	0	—
GW8	50	3,603,251	6,454,584	0	—
GW9	48	5,267,952	6,272,518	0	—
GW10	68	1,778,028	5,505,490	1	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	The Special Ones	552	+3	4
THIS CLUB	Camp Nou Way	549	+0	4
BELOW	Red Lobster FC	543	−6	3

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 68 points against a global average of 55, with 2 transfers and no hit. How was your week?
A. It was lovely, thank you for asking, and I did not check the score until the evening. The average of 55 was beaten and nobody had to be upset about it. I will have the same again next week if it is on offer.

Q2. Your transfers were De Cuyper in for Senesi and N.Jackson in for Calvert-Lewin. Both worked. Was that a plan?
A. It was a plan in the loose sense that I looked at the squad and felt a certain way about it. De Cuyper returned 6 and N.Jackson returned 11, while Senesi returned nothing and Calvert-Lewin returned 2. I am delighted and I have no idea how I did it.

Q3. Evanilson took the armband and returned 18 points doubled. Was Evanilson a deliberate choice?
A. Evanilson is a lovely footballer and he scored 9, which is the only reason anyone needs. The armband made it 18, and I did not think about it a great deal. My vice-captain Raya returned 6, and he is also very nice.

Q4. You scored 48 in Gameweek 9 and 68 in Gameweek 10. Is that a trend?
A. It is a trend if you want it to be, and I will leave that up to the individual. Gameweek 9 brought 48 points against a world average of 47, and this week brought 68, which is a nice thing to have happened. I am enjoying the view.

Q5. The Special Ones are 3 points ahead and Red Lobster FC are 6 behind. Is that close?
A. It is close, and I find that rather exciting. The Special Ones are only 3 points away and Red Lobster FC are 6 back, so a good week could change a great deal. I will see what the weekend brings.

Q6. You have not played a chip all season and hold 4: Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost, Triple Captain. Are you saving them for something?
A. I am saving them for the right moment, which I will recognise when it arrives. A Wildcard, a Free Hit, a Bench Boost and a Triple Captain are very nice things to own. I will use them when the mood takes me.

Q7. Your bench returned 1 point. Did you care?
A. I did not care, and that is a feeling I would recommend. The bench returned 1 point and the eleven did the work, so there was nothing to be unhappy about. Everything is fine.

Q8. You hold £0.5m in the bank and a squad worth £98.7m, the lowest in the league. Does it matter?
A. It does not matter, because the points are what count and the points were good. A squad worth £98.7m is a quieter squad and I like it that way. The bank of £0.5m is there if I need it, which I do not.

Q9. Your overall rank improved from 6,272,518 to 5,505,490, the top 48.76 percent. Did you notice?
A. I noticed in the pleasant way that someone notices a sunny afternoon. Being 5,505,490 out of 11,290,027 is a good place and the improvement of 767,028 places is the cherry on top. I have no complaints at all.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 1,778,028 of 11,290,027, the top 15.75 percent. Pleased?
A. Very pleased, and a little surprised, which is the best combination. A top 16 percent week of 68 points against an average of 55 is not bad for a man who was not paying attention. I will keep not paying attention.

Q11. You held tenth again. Do you ever get anxious about the table?
A. I do not, and I am told that is unusual. tenth on 549 points is a perfectly nice place to be and I see no reason to change it. The table is a suggestion and not an instruction.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are tenth on 549 points, 3 behind The Special Ones and 149 off the lead, overall rank 5,505,490 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost, Triple Captain and £0.5m banked. Any thoughts on the future?

Think about it a little more than you have been, because four unspent chips and a modest squad value is an unusual combination and you can do something with it. Use the Wildcard when the squad needs a refresh and not when the mood strikes, and keep making the kind of simple, popular decisions that worked this week. With 3 points to third and a calm temperament, the table may well come to you.

RED LOBSTER FC INVESTOR RELATIONS—

Q4 Update: Red Lobster FC Reports 52 Points, Falls 2 Places, Pivots To Synergy

Management notes a Gameweek 9 total of 24 and a Gameweek 10 recovery to 52 as evidence of a turnaround story.

Red Lobster FC

Neil Patel-Hernandez

RANK 11 OF 21 | 543 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
5,829,267	6,837,067	52/0	99.5
of 11,290,027 — top 51.63%	of 11,290,027 — top 60.56%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.3m · 3 transfers

STARTING XI · 52 PTS

GKP	Raya	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	Calafiori	ARS	5.9	6
DEF	Maguire	MUN	4.6	0
DEF	Pedro Porro	TOT	5.3	5
MID	Mbeumo	MUN	7.9	2
MID	Cherki **(V)**	MCI	7.9	9
MID	Rogers	CHE	8.2	2
MID	Barcola	LIV	8.1	5
FWD	Haaland **(C)**	MCI	15.8	4
FWD	Wissa	NEW	5.9	2
FWD	N.Jackson	AVL	7.1	11

BENCH · 0 PTS

GKP	Dubravka ⌀	TOT	4.0	0
DEF	Davis	IPS	4.0	0
MID	Reed ⌀	FUL	4.3	0
DEF	Dasilva	COV	4.0	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

Gibbs-White	5 →	Barcola	5	+0
João Pedro	0 →	N.Jackson	11	+11
Semenyo	0 →	Rogers	2	+2

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW7)~~ | WILDCARD | FREE HIT | BENCH BOOST

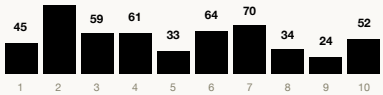
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	45	5,859,118	5,859,109	11	—
GW2	101	1,480,702	2,439,660	7	—
GW3	59	2,650,992	1,805,607	1	—
GW4	61	7,451,423	3,145,812	14	—
GW5	33	9,843,805	4,554,323	2	—
GW6	64	3,913,165	4,166,573	0	—
GW7	70	2,480,601	3,578,253	0	—
GW8	34	9,230,490	4,352,431	0	—
GW9	24	10,909,333	5,730,811	0	—
GW10	52	6,837,067	5,829,267	0	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	Camp Nou Way	549	+6	4
THIS CLUB	Red Lobster FC	543	+0	3
BELOW	fc rtw	526	-17	3

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 52 points against a global average of 55, with 3 transfers and no hit. How would you characterise the quarter?
A. We would characterise it as a transitional period with strong underlying fundamentals and a slightly sub-average headline number. 52 points against an average of 55 is a result we will describe as stabilising. We remain cautiously optimistic about the next reporting window.

Q2. You scored 24 in Gameweek 9, the lowest in the league, then 52. What changed?
A. Gameweek 9 produced 24 points against a world average of 47 and we do not intend to relitigate it. We restructured the portfolio with 3 transfers and the recovery to 52 is the first sign of a return on that investment. The board has been briefed.

Q3. Your transfers were Barcola for Gibbs-White, N.Jackson for João Pedro and Rogers for Semenyo. Which delivered?
A. N.Jackson delivered 11 points against a João Pedro who played no minutes, which is the highlight of the restructure. Barcola returned 5, matching Gibbs-White, and Rogers returned 2 against a Semenyo who returned nothing. The initiative was net positive and we are comfortable with the direction.

Q4. Haaland took the armband and returned 4 points doubled, while your vice-captain Cherki returned 9. Was that the right captain?
A. With the benefit of hindsight Cherki would have returned a greater yield, and we have logged that as a learning. Haaland returned 4 points as a captain and eight clubs made the same call, so the decision was consistent with consensus. We do not intend to rotate the leadership team on one data point.

Q5. Camp Nou Way are 6 points ahead and fc rtw are 17 behind. Where is the competitive risk?
A. We see the risk as asymmetric, with Camp Nou Way 6 points up the road and fc rtw 17 points back. The gap behind us is the larger and we regard it as a moat. We will monitor the gap ahead as a growth opportunity.

Q6. You played Triple Captain in Gameweek 7 and hold Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost. What is the chip strategy?
A. The chip strategy is to deploy Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost at the point of maximum shareholder value, which we have defined as a double or blank gameweek. We have already used the Triple Captain in Gameweek 7 and we regard it as a sunk cost. The remaining assets are a strategic reserve.

Q7. Your overall rank slipped from 5,730,811 to 5,829,267, the top 51.63 percent. Is that a concern?
A. It is a headwind and not a concern, because being 5,829,267 out of 11,290,027 is still a top 52 percent outcome. The movement of 98,456 places is within the normal range of quarterly variance. We will keep our guidance unchanged.

Q8. You hold £0.3m in the bank and a squad worth £99.5m. Is capital being deployed efficiently?
A. Capital deployment is at the efficient frontier, with £0.3m in reserve for flexibility. The squad value of £99.5m reflects a prudent asset base and we will continue to optimise. Please see the appendix for details.

Q9. Your bench returned 0 points. Is that cost-efficient?
A. It is cost-efficient, because a bench that returns nothing has not cost us any starting points. Davis returned minus 1 and Dasilva returned 1, which nets out to the reported figure. We have flagged the position for a headcount review.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 6,837,067 of 11,290,027, the top 60.56 percent. Is that a satisfactory result?
A. A top 61 percent week is satisfactory and we will not say more than that. 52 points against an average of 55 is slightly below target and we have noted it. We will circle back.

Q11. You were ninth last week and are eleventh now. Is the slide a trend?
A. We do not recognise a trend on a single data point, but we acknowledge the movement of 2 places down. The recovery in Gameweek 10 is the first step in the right direction. We are aligned on next steps.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are eleventh on 543 points, 6 behind Camp Nou Way and 155 off the lead, overall rank 5,829,267 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost and £0.3m banked. What is the roadmap?

Prioritise the armband decision, because the vice-captain returned 9 points while the captain returned only 4 in the same week and that is a revenue leak. Keep the Wildcard for a genuine restructure, and deploy the Free Hit only on a blank. A gap of 6 to Camp Nou Way is closable, and the largest single lever is a clean captain pick.

FC RTW BACK ALLEY—

Man Makes Four Transfers, Takes No Hit, Climbs 2 Places To twelfth

Gameweek 9 returned 65 and a world rank of 909,718, and Gameweek 10 added 62, all without paying a single point in deductions.

fc rtw danny lopez

RANK 12 OF 21 · 526 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
6,646,665	3,466,235	62/2	101.3
of 11,290,027 — top 58.87%	of 11,290,027 — top 30.70%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.4m · 4 transfers

STARTING XI · 62 PTS

GKP	Raya	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	De Cuyper	BHA	5.5	6
DEF	Gabriel	ARS	8.1	8
DEF	Guéhi	MCI	6.0	0
MID	Bobb	FUL	5.5	3
MID	Rogers (V)	CHE	8.2	2
MID	Palmer (C)	CHE	9.8	4
MID	B.Fernandes	MUN	11.6	10
MID	Groß	BHA	6.3	10
FWD	Havertz	ARS	7.4	2
FWD	N.Jackson	AVL	7.1	11

BENCH · 2 PTS

GKP	Forster ⌀	BOU	4.0	0
DEF	Diop	IPS	3.9	0
DEF	van Ewijk	COV	3.9	0
FWD	João Pedro ⌀	CHE	7.6	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

L.Miley	1 →	Bobb	3	+2
Justin	9 →	van Ewijk	1	−8
Dewsbury-Hall	9 →	Groß	10	+1
Wissa	2 →	N.Jackson	11	+9

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~WILDCARD (GW2)~~ · FREE HIT · BENCH BOOST · TRIPLE CAPTAIN

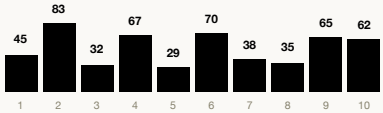
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	45	5,859,118	5,859,109	2	—
GW2	83	4,312,527	4,886,627	12	—
GW3	32	10,065,680	7,076,488	9	—
GW4	67	5,853,718	6,720,172	3	—
GW5	29	10,505,807	7,884,609	12	—
GW6	70	2,166,538	6,823,800	20	—
GW7	38	10,184,155	7,709,768	7	—
GW8	35	8,952,715	8,082,322	0	—
GW9	65	909,718	7,123,625	0	—
GW10	62	3,466,235	6,646,665	2	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	Red Lobster FC	543	+17	3
THIS CLUB	fc rtw	526	+0	3
BELOW	MAD Baller	515	−11	3

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You made 4 transfers this week and took no hit. How did you pull that off?
A. You know how it is, you tweak a little here and a little there and the numbers come out clean. Bobb, van Ewijk, Groß and N.Jackson all came in and not a single point went on deductions. Some people call it over-tweaking and I call it maintenance.

Q2. Groß returned 10 and N.Jackson returned 11 after you brought them in. Did you earn it?
A. Of course I earned it, because I do not leave things to luck. Groß replaced Dewsbury-Hall, who returned 9, and N.Jackson replaced Wissa, who returned 2, so one of those moves was a clear win and the other was a sideways step. Overall the picture is positive and I will take it.

Q3. Justin returned 9 after you sold him for van Ewijk, who returned 1. Is that a regret?
A. It is a regret in the sense that a man looks back at a coat he did not buy. Justin returned 9 and van Ewijk returned 1, so that one will sit in the book as a miss. I have already moved on, as one does.

Q4. Palmer took the armband and returned 4 points doubled. Was that the best choice?
A. Palmer was the captain and he returned 4 points doubled, which is not a great return but it is not the end of the world either. B.Fernandes and Groß both returned 10 in my squad and I will admit one of them was a better choice in hindsight. I am working on the hindsight.

Q5. You scored 65 in Gameweek 9, the second best in the league that week, then 62. Is the form real?
A. The form is real and it is the product of a lot of sensible work. Gameweek 9 returned 65 points against a world average of 47 and a world rank of 909,718, and Gameweek 10 returned 62. I would call that a good fortnight and I will take it.

Q6. Red Lobster FC are 17 points ahead and MAD Baller are 11 behind. What is your move?
A. I am going to keep tweaking, because it has worked so far and I see no reason to stop. Red Lobster FC on 17 points ahead is a gap I can close in a couple of good weeks. MAD Baller are 11 behind me and I will keep a wary eye on them.

Q7. You played Wildcard in Gameweek 2 and hold Free Hit, Bench Boost, Triple Captain. When do you use them?
A. When the moment is right, and not before, and I will know it when I see it. A Free Hit, a Bench Boost and a Triple Captain are three tools I would like to put to proper use. Only one of them needs a clever fixture to work.

Q8. You hold £0.4m in the bank and a squad worth £101.3m. Is that cash working?
A. Every bit of it is working, because I do not leave money lying around. A bank of £0.4m is small and the value of £101.3m is the number that tells me the squad is moving in the right direction. It keeps me flexible.

Q9. Your overall rank improved from 7,123,625 to 6,646,665, the top 58.87 percent. Does that vindicate the tweaking?
A. It vindicates the tweaking and I will say so out loud. Being 6,646,665 out of 11,290,027 is a long way from last week and the improvement of 476,960 places is the proof. I will keep doing what works.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 3,466,235 of 11,290,027, the top 30.70 percent. Satisfied?
A. A top 31 percent week with 62 points against an average of 55 is a good week and I am happy to say so. I would have liked a bigger return from the captain, but the squad delivered. I will keep working.

Q11. You moved from fourteenth to twelfth. Is that where you belong?
A. It is where I am for now, and I have no illusions about the distance to the top. A move of 2 places up is the sort of progress that adds up over a season. I will keep my head down and keep tweaking.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are twelfth on 526 points, 17 behind Red Lobster FC and 172 off the lead, overall rank 6,646,665 of 11,290,027, with Free Hit, Bench Boost, Triple Captain and £0.4m banked. How do you keep moving up?

Keep the tweaking but be selective, because four transfers in a week is a lot of moving parts and only some of them paid. Put the armband on the highest-ceiling starter and use the Bench Boost only when you have a bench worth boosting. A gap of 17 to Red Lobster FC is within a good fortnight and the form says you can close it.

MAD BALLER OPERATIONS —

Club Scores 36, Leaves 10 Points On Bench, Falls 2 Places, Notes The Facts

Manager reports a bench of A.Becker and Hill returning 8 between them and a Gameweek 9 week that included a hit.

MAD Baller Marie Drosche

RANK 13 OF 21 · 515 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
7,142,408	10,309,276	36/10	98.9
of 11,290,027 — top 63.26%	of 11,290,027 — top 91.31%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.0m · 0 transfers

STARTING XI · 36 PTS

GKP	Leno	FUL	4.5	3
DEF	Virgil	LIV	6.4	4
DEF	Guéhi	MCI	6.0	0
DEF	Gabriel	ARS	8.1	8
MID	Rogers	CHE	8.2	2
MID	Mbeumo	MUN	7.9	2
MID	Rice	ARS	7.5	3
MID	Groß **(V)**	BHA	6.3	10
MID	Anderson **(C)**	MCI	6.2	4
FWD	Thiago	BRE	7.8	−2
FWD	Kostoulas	BHA	5.8	2

BENCH · 10 PTS

GKP	A.Becker	LIV	5.5	0
DEF	Hill	BOU	5.6	0
FWD	Havertz	ARS	7.4	0
DEF	Lacroix ⌀	CHE	5.8	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

No transfers executed in Gameweek 10.

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~BENCH BOOST (GW4)~~ · WILDCARD · FREE HIT · TRIPLE CAPTAIN

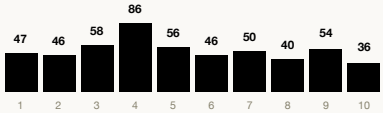
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	47	5,282,781	5,282,775	2	—
GW2	46	9,677,087	8,450,538	3	—
GW3	58	2,739,548	7,794,882	5	—
GW4	86	1,437,717	5,910,037	0	—
GW5	56	2,495,788	5,109,269	5	—
GW6	46	8,890,480	5,954,101	8	—
GW7	50	8,384,585	6,398,798	14	—
GW8	40	7,297,029	6,681,786	4	—
GW9	54	3,433,418	6,402,188	11	−4
GW10	36	10,309,276	7,142,408	10	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	fc rtw	526	+11	3
THIS CLUB	MAD Baller	515	+0	3
BELOW	FK Jizmaila Sarr	506	−9	4

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 36 points against a global average of 55, with no transfers. What happened?
A. The squad returned 36 points and the average was 55, so the gap is a matter of record. Thiago returned minus 2 in 22 minutes and Guéhi returned nothing in 45, and those two are most of the explanation. I will not dress it up.

Q2. Your bench returned 10 points, with A.Becker and Hill returning 4 each. Was that the cost?
A. It was part of the cost. A.Becker and Hill returned 4 each from the bench while Thiago, in the eleven, returned minus 2. The record shows 10 points on the bench and I will review the eleven.

Q3. Anderson took the armband and returned 4 points doubled, while your vice-captain Groß returned 10. Was that the wrong captain?
A. With hindsight Groß was the better captain and the numbers say so, since he returned 10 and Anderson returned 2. The decision was taken before the match and the result was different from the plan. That is how the game works.

Q4. You scored 54 in Gameweek 9 with a 4-point deduction, five transfers and 11 bench points. Was that a good week?
A. It was a week that returned 54 points before the 4-point deduction, and I recorded it as such. Five transfers produced a world rank of 3,433,418 and a bench of 11. The deduction was a cost I accepted.

Q5. fc rtw are 11 points ahead and FK Jizmaila Sarr are 9 behind. What does that tell you?
A. It tells me the table is tight. fc rtw are 11 points ahead and FK Jizmaila Sarr are 9 behind, and a good week would change the order. I will take the facts as they are.

Q6. You played Bench Boost in Gameweek 4 and hold Wildcard, Free Hit, Triple Captain. What is the plan?
A. The plan is to hold the Wildcard, the Free Hit and the Triple Captain until they have a job to do. The Wildcard is the most obviously useful after this week. I will decide when the fixtures are clearer.

Q7. Your overall rank slipped from 6,402,188 to 7,142,408, the top 63.26 percent. How do you read that?
A. I read it as a decline of 740,220 places, and the cause is the week of 36 points. Being 7,142,408 out of 11,290,027 is still a respectable global position. The task is to stop the slide.

Q8. You hold £0.0m in the bank and a squad worth £98.9m. Is there room to act?
A. The bank is £0.0m, which means the transfers I make must be funded by a sale. The squad value of £98.9m is among the lowest in the league. Any action must be neutral or better.

Q9. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 10,309,276 of 11,290,027, the bottom 8.7 percent. Is it as bad as it looks?
A. It is as bad as it looks, and I do not see a reason to argue. A week of 36 points against an average of 55 is a fact and so is the rank. I will make changes.

Q10. You were eleventh last week and are thirteenth now. Is the table being unkind?
A. The table is not being unkind, it is being accurate. A move of 2 places down follows a week of 36 points and that is the cause. I will keep working.

Q11. You have played only the Bench Boost and Gameweek 9 cost a 4-point hit. Is the Wildcard the answer?
A. The Wildcard is the obvious answer and I will record it as such. A 4-point hit in Gameweek 9 followed by 36 points in Gameweek 10 suggests the piecemeal route has run its course. I will decide on the fixtures.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are thirteenth on 515 points, 11 behind fc rtw and 183 off the lead, overall rank 7,142,408 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit, Triple Captain and £0.0m banked. What is the fix?

Start with the transfers, because 36 points with no moves and two starters who played little is a signal that the squad needs work. Use the Wildcard if two or more starters are no longer reliable and keep the armband on a player who will play ninety minutes. The gap of 11 to fc rtw is small enough to close in one good week.

FK JIZMAILA SARR VOID—

Club Fields Three Starters Who Played No Minutes, Posts 35, The Lowest In The League

Manager confirms J.Cuenca, James and João Pedro were all in the eleven and none played, and that the bench was no help.

FK Jizmaila Sarr Aleksa Divcic

RANK 14 OF 21 · 506 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
7,492,908	10,429,806	35/0	100.8
of 11,290,027 — top 66.37%	of 11,290,027 — top 92.38%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.0m · 0 transfers

STARTING XI · 35 PTS

GKP	Raya	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	J.Cuenca ⌀	FUL	4.4	0
DEF	James ⌀	CHE	5.2	0
DEF	Calafiori	ARS	5.9	6
DEF	De Cuyper	BHA	5.5	6
DEF	Maguire	MUN	4.6	0
MID	B.Fernandes **(V)**	MUN	11.6	10
MID	Palmer	CHE	9.8	2
MID	Foden	MCI	6.8	1
FWD	Haaland **(C)**	MCI	15.8	4
FWD	João Pedro ⌀	CHE	7.6	0

BENCH · 0 PTS

GKP	Austin ⌀	TOT	4.0	0
MID	Bendito Mantato ⌀	MUN	4.4	0
MID	Mukasa ⌀	MCI	4.5	0
FWD	Furo ⌀	BRE	4.4	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

No transfers executed in Gameweek 10.

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~WILDCARD~~ ~~FREE HIT~~ ~~BENCH BOOST~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN~~

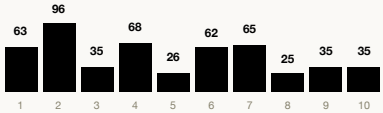
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	63	1,282,719	1,282,717	0	—
GW2	96	2,267,822	1,563,840	0	-4
GW3	35	9,780,896	3,583,662	0	—
GW4	68	5,573,250	3,913,410	0	—
GW5	26	10,649,288	5,905,729	0	—
GW6	62	4,256,311	5,442,106	0	—
GW7	65	3,791,356	5,002,946	0	—
GW8	25	10,715,062	6,279,634	0	—
GW9	35	9,259,322	6,783,355	0	—
GW10	35	10,429,806	7,492,908	0	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	**MAD Baller**	515	+9	3
THIS CLUB	**FK Jizmaila Sarr**	506	+0	4
BELOW	**are you aMAD**	501	-5	3

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 35 points, the lowest in the league, against a global average of 55. Was it a surprise?
A. It was not a surprise, because the number was arrived at honestly and with some effort. Three starters, J.Cuenca, James and João Pedro, played no minutes, which is a lot of nothing to put on a team sheet. 35 points against an average of 55 is simply what the squad was.

Q2. Haaland took the armband and returned 4 points doubled, while your vice-captain B.Fernandes returned 10. Do you regret the captain?
A. Haaland returned 4 points as a captain and eight clubs made the same call, so the regret is at least shared. B.Fernandes returned 10 points and was sitting there in the vice-captaincy. I was always going to have a bad week and I chose the way to have it.

Q3. Your bench of Austin, Bendito Mantato, Mukasa and Furo played no minutes. Is that deliberate?
A. It is not deliberate, but it is consistent. A bench that does not play is a bench that costs nothing, and it also saves nothing, which is the point. I am at peace with it.

Q4. You made no transfers this week and none last week. Is that discipline or surrender?
A. It is a bit of both and I have stopped trying to separate them. Gameweek 9 returned 35 points against a world average of 47, and Gameweek 10 returned 35, which is the same number. Nothing has changed because nothing was changed.

Q5. MAD Baller are 9 points ahead and are you aMAD are 5 behind. Does it matter?
A. It matters in the way that everything matters, which is to say not very much. MAD Baller are 9 points up the road and are you aMAD are 5 behind, and the order is a rumour. I will see what happens.

Q6. You have used no chips and hold all four. Is the reserve a plan or an excuse?
A. It is a plan that has not been executed, which is also a description of most plans. A Wildcard would help, and so would a Free Hit, a Bench Boost and a Triple Captain. I will think about them in the dark.

Q7. Your overall rank slipped from 6,783,355 to 7,492,908, the top 66.37 percent. How do you feel?
A. I feel what I expected to feel. Being 7,492,908 out of 11,290,027 is still a global top 66 percent position and the slip of 709,553 places is just a number. I am neither pleased nor surprised.

Q8. You hold £0.0m in the bank and a squad worth £100.8m. What is the cash for?
A. The bank is £0.0m and the squad is worth £100.8m, so there is nothing to spend and a lot to think about. I will do what the money allows. That is not very much.

Q9. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 10,429,806 of 11,290,027, the bottom 7.6 percent. Is that the floor?
A. It is a floor, and I make no promises that it is the floor. A week of 35 points against an average of 55 is the lowest in this league and I will not pretend it is otherwise. It is the sort of rank that clears the mind.

Q10. You were thirteenth last week and are fourteenth now. Is that a decline or a settling?
A. It is a settling, and I have decided to call it that. A move of 1 place down is not a collapse, it is a sigh. The table will be there next week.

Q11. Your vice-captain B.Fernandes returned 10 points while the captain returned 4. Was the order wrong?
A. The order was wrong in hindsight and right in advance, which describes most of my decisions. B.Fernandes returned 10 and Haaland returned 4, and the difference is a lesson I will file. I am not angry, only informed.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are fourteenth on 506 points, 9 behind MAD Baller and 192 off the lead, overall rank 7,492,908 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost, Triple Captain and £0.0m banked. Is there a way forward?

Yes, and it begins with removing the three starters who did not play, because two weeks of 35 and 35 points is a signal and not noise. Use the Wildcard to rebuild around players who are certain to start, and keep the other chips for a double or a blank. The gap of 9 to MAD Baller is small, and the squad is the only thing between you and it.

ARE YOU AMAD, A DAMP OFFICE—

Man Gives Armband To Groß, Receives 20, Suspects A Catch

Club climbs a place on 68 points, makes no transfers and remains unconvinced by good news.

are you aMAD Felix Holland

RANK 15 OF 21 **501 PTS**

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
7,695,554	1,615,058	68/4	101.7
of 11,290,027 — top 68.16%	of 11,290,027 — top 14.31%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.2m · 0 transfers

STARTING XI · 68 PTS

GKP	Raya **(V)**	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	Hall	NEW	5.2	4
DEF	Kayode	BRE	4.5	1
DEF	Muharemović	LEE	5.1	10
DEF	Gabriel	ARS	8.1	8
MID	Palmer	CHE	9.8	2
MID	Rogers	CHE	8.2	2
MID	Groß **(C)**	BHA	6.3	20
MID	Ødegaard	ARS	6.7	11
FWD	Haaland	MCI	15.8	2
FWD	Kostoulas	BHA	5.8	2

BENCH · 4 PTS

GKP	Steele ⌀	BHA	4.0	0
DEF	Lacroix ⌀	CHE	5.8	0
MID	Mainoo	MUN	5.5	0
FWD	Walle Egeli ⌀	IPS	4.5	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

No transfers executed in Gameweek 10.

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~WILDCARD (GW4)~~ FREE HIT BENCH BOOST TRIPLE CAPTAIN

SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	32	8,317,724	8,317,710	0	—
GW2	57	9,028,243	8,684,022	0	—
GW3	40	9,045,286	8,950,768	0	—
GW4	49	9,652,782	9,215,579	7	—
GW5	49	4,929,425	9,066,895	0	—
GW6	40	9,963,627	9,275,972	0	—
GW7	66	3,646,633	8,850,424	0	—
GW8	51	3,480,698	8,606,552	-1	—
GW9	49	4,917,925	8,360,454	0	—
GW10	68	1,615,058	7,695,554	4	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	FK Jizmaila Sarr	506	+5	4
THIS CLUB	are you aMAD	501	+0	3
BELOW	sakadeez	490	-11	2

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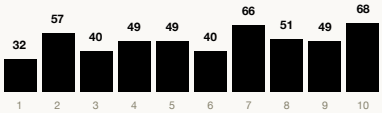

THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 68 points against a global average of 55, with no transfers. Is that a good week?
A. It is a good week and I am bracing for the invoice. 68 points against an average of 55 is a result I would normally describe as suspicious. I will take it with the usual tea.

Q2. Groß took the armband and returned 20 points doubled. Was that a good call?
A. It was a good call, and I will say so once, quietly. Groß returned 10 and the armband made it 20, which is the third-best armband in the league this week. I would like it noted that it did not feel like skill.

Q3. Ødegaard returned 11 and Muharemović returned 10. Did you see that coming?
A. I saw nothing coming, which is how I prefer it. Ødegaard returned 11 and Muharemović returned 10, and both were in the eleven for reasons I would struggle to explain. I will not look too closely.

Q4. You scored 49 in Gameweek 9 with one transfer. Was that a good week too?
A. It was a middling week, which is the weather I know best. 49 points against a world average of 47 was a modest beat and I did not celebrate. Two decent weeks in a row feels like a trap.

Q5. FK Jizmaila Sarr are 5 points ahead and sakadeez are 11 behind. Does that worry you?
A. It worries me in the general way that everything does. FK Jizmaila Sarr are 5 points ahead and sakadeez are 11 behind, and the table is a long way from settled. I expect to be disappointed on schedule.

Q6. You played Wildcard in Gameweek 4 and hold Free Hit, Bench Boost, Triple Captain. When will they be used?
A. When they are needed, and not before, and probably later than ideal. A Free Hit, a Bench Boost and a Triple Captain are three tools that I may or may not be glad to have. I will decide in a moment of weakness.

Q7. Your bench returned 4 points, with Mainoo returning 4. Does that count as a miss?
A. It counts as a footnote and I will treat it as one. Mainoo returned 4 from the bench and the eleven did the work, so there is nothing to apologise for. Even so I will find something.

Q8. Your overall rank improved from 8,360,454 to 7,695,554, the top 68.16 percent. Any joy?
A. A small amount of joy, which I have filed carefully. Being 7,695,554 out of 11,290,027 is the top 68 percent and the improvement of 664,900 places is not nothing. I will wait for the next gameweek to ruin it.

Q9. You hold £0.2m in the bank and a squad worth £101.7m. Is that sensible?
A. It is sensible and mildly dull, which are my two favourite qualities in a squad. A bank of £0.2m is enough for a small move and the value of £101.7m is respectable. I will not do anything rash.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 1,615,058 of 11,290,027, the top 14.31 percent. Satisfied?
A. Satisfied is a strong word, but it will do for today. A top 14 percent week of 68 points against an average of 55 is better than I expected. I do not expect it to last.

Q11. You moved from sixteenth to fifteenth. Is that progress?
A. It is progress of a kind, and the kind is small. A rise of 1 place on 501 points is something I will accept without making a fuss. I will have a biscuit.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are fifteenth on 501 points, 5 behind FK Jizmaila Sarr and 197 off the lead, overall rank 7,695,554 of 11,290,027, with Free Hit, Bench Boost, Triple Captain and £0.2m banked. What is the way forward?

Stay patient and keep doing what worked, which was putting the armband on a player who was certain to play and leaving the squad alone. The Free Hit, Bench Boost and Triple Captain are all still available, so choose the weeks carefully and not in a hurry. A gap of 5 to FK Jizmaila Sarr is small enough that one more week like this one could close it.

SAKADEEZ HIGH ROLLER TABLE—

Gambler Takes A 4-Point Hit, Sells Cherki For 9, Leaves Trafford's 10 On The Bench

Club pays 4 points, falls a place and still says the dice were rolled correctly.

sakadeez Drin Pacuku

RANK 16 OF 21 · 490 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
8,091,687	8,574,824	46/13	102.5
of 11,290,027 — top 71.67%	of 11,290,027 — top 75.95%	world avg 55 · hit –4	bank £0.9m · 2 transfers

STARTING XI · 46 PTS

GKP	Raya	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	De Cuyper	BHA	5.5	6
DEF	Guéhi	MCI	6.0	0
DEF	Kayode	BRE	4.5	1
MID	Mbeumo	MUN	7.9	2
MID	Rogers **(C)**	CHE	8.2	4
MID	Groß	BHA	6.3	10
MID	Palmer **(V)**	CHE	9.8	2
FWD	Haaland	MCI	15.8	2
FWD	Wissa	NEW	5.9	2
FWD	N.Jackson	AVL	7.1	11

BENCH · 13 PTS

GKP	Trafford	LEE	5.0	0
MID	Belloumi ⌀	HUL	5.3	0
DEF	Aina ⌀	NFO	4.2	0
DEF	Mendy	HUL	4.1	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

João Pedro	0 →	N.Jackson	11	+11
Cherki	9 →	Palmer	2	−7

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~WILDCARD (GW2)~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW3)~~ FREE HIT BENCH BOOST

SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	38	7,485,080	7,485,068	23	—
GW2	61	8,496,386	8,078,310	8	—
GW3	58	2,894,534	7,364,909	14	—
GW4	67	6,008,864	6,977,258	8	—
GW5	39	8,567,043	7,723,223	10	-4
GW6	56	6,250,672	7,484,174	17	—
GW7	59	6,002,305	7,241,188	2	—
GW8	34	9,395,431	7,727,210	10	—
GW9	40	8,058,245	7,824,994	8	—
GW10	46	8,574,824	8,091,687	13	-4

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	are you aMAD	501	+11	3
THIS CLUB	sakadeez	490	+0	2
BELOW	GP FC	467	−23	2

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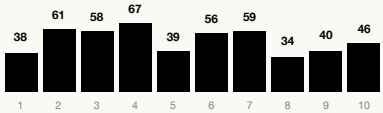


THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You took a 4-point hit and scored 46 points against a global average of 55. Was the gamble worth it?
A. A gambler does not count the cost, only the odds, and the odds were fine. 46 points before the hit is a result I will argue about at the table. The hit was a fair price for the chance.

Q2. Your transfers were N.Jackson in for João Pedro and Palmer in for Cherki. N.Jackson returned 11 and Cherki returned 9. Was that a good bet?
A. N.Jackson was a winner, and João Pedro played no minutes, so that half of the bet paid out. Palmer returned 2 and Cherki returned 9, which is the half I will not discuss. You win some and you lose some.

Q3. Trafford returned 10 from your bench. Was that the wrong call?
A. It was the wrong call and I have already placed another bet to forget it. Trafford returned 10 points and the bench returned 13 in total, so the lesson is expensive. A gambler learns on the way down.

Q4. Rogers took the armband and returned 4 points doubled. Did the dice land?
A. They did not land particularly well, and I am not the sort to complain. Rogers returned 2 and the armband made it 4, which is the same return the eight Haaland captains took. The vice-captain Palmer returned 2 and I did not need him.

Q5. are you aMAD are 11 points ahead and GP FC are 23 behind. Where do you place your next bet?
A. I place it on the gap to are you aMAD, because 11 points is a distance I like the look of. GP FC are 23 points back and that is a safe distance for a gambler. The next hand is the one that matters.

Q6. You used the Wildcard in Gameweek 2 and the Triple Captain in Gameweek 3. What is left?
A. I hold Free Hit, Bench Boost, and I intend to play them with the confidence of a man who has already lost. A Free Hit is a pure gamble and a Bench Boost needs a bench that plays. I will pick my moment.

Q7. You scored 40 in Gameweek 9 with 8 bench points. Is that a pattern?
A. It is a pattern and I choose to call it variance. Gameweek 9 returned 40 against a world average of 47 and the bench held 8, and then Gameweek 10 held 13. The house always notices.

Q8. You hold £0.9m in the bank and a squad worth £102.5m. Are you holding cash for a reason?
A. A gambler always keeps a little back, and £0.9m is the stake for the next move. A squad worth £102.5m is the second-highest in the league and I will remind everyone of that. The chips are on the table.

Q9. Your overall rank slipped from 7,824,994 to 8,091,687, the top 71.67 percent. Does that hurt?
A. It hurts a little, because a fall of 266,693 places is the cost of a bad hand. Being 8,091,687 out of 11,290,027 is still a fine seat at the table. I will play on.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 8,574,824 of 11,290,027, the top 75.95 percent. Was the hit the problem?
A. The hit was part of it and the bench was the other part. A week of 46 points before the deduction against an average of 55 is not the result I bet on. I will go again.

Q11. You moved from fifteenth to sixteenth. Does a gambler care about the table?
A. A gambler cares about the next hand, and the table is the history of the last one. A move of 1 place down is a small loss and I have lost bigger. I will win it back.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are sixteenth on 490 points, 11 behind are you aMAD and 208 off the lead, overall rank 8,091,687 of 11,290,027, with Free Hit, Bench Boost and £0.9m banked. What is the next play?

Stop paying for hits that the squad does not need, because 4 points plus a bench of 13 is a double loss. Keep the armband on the player who plays and save the Free Hit and Bench Boost for a blank or a double. A gap of 11 to are you aMAD is within one good week and the best bet is a clean one.

GP FC SERVER ROOM —

Operator Posts 59, Climbs To seventeenth, Level On Points With Akatsuki

Cherki's armband returned 18, there were no transfers and the system reports a tie.

GP FC Chris Tran

RANK 17 OF 21 · 467 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
8,768,405	4,136,841	59/6	100.0
of 11,290,027 — top 77.67%	of 11,290,027 — top 36.64%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.3m · 0 transfers

STARTING XI · 59 PTS

GKP	Donnarumma	MCI	5.4	1
DEF	Gvardiol	MCI	5.6	0
DEF	Virgil	LIV	6.4	4
DEF	Ajayi	HUL	4.2	6
DEF	Calafiori	ARS	5.9	6
MID	B.Fernandes **(V)**	MUN	11.6	10
MID	Ødegaard	ARS	6.7	11
MID	Cherki **(C)**	MCI	7.9	18
MID	Rice	ARS	7.5	3
FWD	Thiago	BRE	7.8	-2
FWD	Marmoush	TOT	7.0	2

BENCH · 6 PTS

GKP	Dubravka ⌀	TOT	4.0	0
FWD	João Pedro ⌀	CHE	7.6	0
DEF	Giles	HUL	4.0	0
MID	Cunha	MUN	7.8	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

No transfers executed in Gameweek 10.

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW4)~~ ~~BENCH BOOST (GW5)~~ WILDCARD FREE HIT

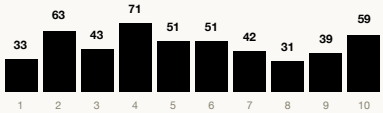
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	33	8,210,955	8,210,941	10	—
GW2	63	8,213,707	8,275,906	15	—
GW3	43	8,358,471	8,526,386	8	—
GW4	71	4,719,974	7,906,202	3	—
GW5	51	4,365,979	8,441,155	0	-16
GW6	51	7,498,946	8,389,532	24	—
GW7	42	9,665,645	8,708,745	2	—
GW8	31	9,924,312	9,022,104	1	—
GW9	39	8,150,661	9,055,595	3	—
GW10	59	4,136,841	8,768,405	6	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	sakadeez	490	+23	2
THIS CLUB	GP FC	467	+0	2
BELOW	Akatsuki	467	+0	3

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 59 points against a global average of 55, with no transfers. Did the system hold?
A. The system held with no incidents, which is the first time I have been able to say that. 59 points against an average of 55 is a pass and I have logged it as one. I am still monitoring for faults.

Q2. Cherki took the armband and returned 18 points doubled. Was that a clean deploy?
A. It was a clean deploy and I will mark it as stable. Cherki returned 9 and the armband made it 18, and the vice-captain B.Fernandes returned 10 without being needed. No rollback was required.

Q3. You are level on 467 points with Akatsuki. How does a tie feel?
A. A tie is an unresolved state and I do not enjoy those. Akatsuki and I are on 467 points each, and I am seventeenth and they are eighteenth, which is a tiebreak I did not write. I would like a clean resolution.

Q4. Thiago returned minus 2 in 22 minutes and Gvardiol returned nothing in 45. Is that a bug?
A. It is a known issue and I have raised a ticket. Thiago returned minus 2 and Gvardiol returned nothing, which is the squad's only visible fault this week. The remainder of the eleven passed review.

Q5. sakadeez are 23 points ahead and Akatsuki are level with you on points. Where is the risk?
A. The risk is in the tie and in the gap above, and I have monitored both. sakadeez are 23 points up and Akatsuki are level on points with me, which means any week could reorder the table. I have set an alert.

Q6. You scored 39 in Gameweek 9 and 59 in Gameweek 10. Is the trend upward?
A. The trend is upward, and I have the chart. Gameweek 9 returned 39 against a world average of 47 and Gameweek 10 returned 59, which is a step up of 39 to 59. I will not call it a recovery until it holds for three.

Q7. You used Triple Captain in Gameweek 4 and Bench Boost in Gameweek 5. What is left?
A. I hold Wildcard, Free Hit, and I have documented both. The Wildcard is for a rebuild and the Free Hit is for a blank, and neither needs to be used this week. I will not deploy on a Friday.

Q8. Your bench returned 6 points, with Cunha returning 5. Was that a miss?
A. It was a minor miss and I have noted the cost. Cunha returned 5 from the bench and the rest returned a combined 1, so the damage was contained. I will review the selection logic.

Q9. You hold £0.3m in the bank and a squad worth £100.0m. Is the budget healthy?
A. The budget is healthy, with £0.3m in reserve and a squad value of £100.0m. I have no outstanding purchases. The numbers reconcile.

Q10. Your overall rank improved from 9,055,595 to 8,768,405, the top 77.67 percent. Does that count as a fix?
A. It counts as a partial fix, with an improvement of 287,190 places. Being 8,768,405 out of 11,290,027 is a position I will take, and I will not claim more. The post-mortem can wait.

Q11. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 4,136,841 of 11,290,027, the top 36.64 percent. Is that within tolerance?
A. It is within tolerance and I will log it as such. A top 37 percent week of 59 points against an average of 55 is a pass. I will keep monitoring.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are seventeenth on 467 points, 23 behind sakadeez and 231 off the lead, overall rank 8,768,405 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit and £0.3m banked. What is the roadmap?

Remove the two starters who contributed least, Thiago and Gvardiol, and replace them with players who are certain to play ninety minutes. Keep the Wildcard for a genuine rebuild and the Free Hit for a blank, and let the armband stay on a reliable starter. A gap of 23 to sakadeez is large, but the tie below is the nearer problem.

AKATSUKI HIDDEN VILLAGE —

Villain Unleashes Triple Captain On Isak, Turns 8 Into 24, Remains Level With GP FC

The Triple Captain is spent, the bench held 11 and the table refuses to bow.

Akatsuki

Giancarlos Castaneda

RANK 18 OF 21 **467 PTS**

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
8,770,676	**4,414,309**	**59/11**	**99.3**
of 11,290,027 — top **77.69%**	of 11,290,027 — top **39.10%**	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.5m · 2 transfers

STARTING XI · 59 PTS

GKP	Raya	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	O'Reilly	MCI	6.2	1
DEF	De Cuyper	BHA	5.5	6
DEF	Guéhi	MCI	6.0	0
DEF	Muñoz	NFO	5.2	2
MID	Rogers **(V)**	CHE	8.2	2
MID	Palmer	CHE	9.8	2
MID	Cherki	MCI	7.9	9
MID	Gibbs-White	NFO	7.8	5
FWD	Wissa	NEW	5.9	2
FWD	Isak **(C)**	LIV	9.3	24

BENCH · 11 PTS

GKP	Verbruggen	BHA	4.7	0
DEF	Egan	HUL	4.1	0
MID	Wilson	LEE	6.1	0
FWD	Gonzalo	FUL	5.9	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

João Pedro	0 →	Isak	8	+8
Rice	3 →	Gibbs-White	5	+2

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW10)~~ | WILDCARD | FREE HIT | BENCH BOOST

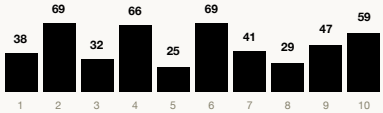
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	38	7,485,080	7,485,068	6	—
GW2	69	7,298,005	7,477,299	0	—
GW3	32	10,103,345	8,526,386	4	—
GW4	66	6,351,768	8,392,757	17	-4
GW5	25	10,727,839	9,205,108	8	-4
GW6	69	2,389,494	8,577,226	12	—
GW7	41	9,907,283	8,882,063	8	—
GW8	29	10,266,764	9,207,627	2	—
GW9	47	5,623,873	9,055,595	13	—
GW10	59	4,414,309	8,770,676	11	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	**GP FC**	467	+0	2
THIS CLUB	**Akatsuki**	467	+0	3
BELOW	**Newpi**	465	−2	4

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You played the Triple Captain on Isak, who returned 8 points and 24 tripled. Was that the master stroke?
A. The Triple Captain was unleashed and Isak returned 8 points, which became 24, and the world trembled slightly. It is spent now, and I will not pretend it was the end of anything. The armband was a blade and it cut.

Q2. You scored 59 points against a global average of 55, with 2 transfers and no hit. Was that enough?
A. It was enough to beat the average of 55 and not enough to rise, and that is the cruelty of the table. Isak came in for João Pedro and Gibbs-White replaced Rice, and Isak returned 8 and Gibbs-White returned 5. The week was a duel and I survived.

Q3. You are level on 467 points with GP FC. How does a tie feel?
A. A tie is a duel with no winner, and I accept it with tragic dignity. GP FC and I sit on 467 points each, and I am eighteenth while they are seventeenth. The tiebreak is a cruel instrument and I have not forgotten.

Q4. Your bench returned 11 points, with Verbruggen returning 6. Did your own shadow betray you?
A. My shadow betrayed me and Verbruggen returned 6 from the bench. The bench held 11 points in all, and last week it held 13. I have sworn vengeance on my own selection.

Q5. GP FC are level with you and Newpi are 2 behind. Who is your rival?
A. My rival is GP FC, because we share a score and a destiny. Newpi are 2 points behind and breathing down my neck, which I find thrilling. The table is a battlefield and I will not leave it.

Q6. You scored 47 in Gameweek 9, level with the world average of 47. Was it a quiet week?
A. It was a quiet week, and the quiet before a storm is also quiet. Gameweek 9 returned exactly 47 points, equal to the world average of 47. Then Gameweek 10 arrived and the storm had the armband.

Q7. You have used the Triple Captain and hold Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost. What next?
A. The Wildcard, the Free Hit and the Bench Boost remain, and each is a weapon with a purpose. I will play them with great ceremony and unspeakable timing. The chips are the last of my power.

Q8. Your overall rank improved from 9,055,595 to 8,770,676, the top 77.69 percent. Does the world bow?
A. The world nods, which is as much as I can ask. Being 8,770,676 out of 11,290,027 is the top 78 percent and the rise of 284,919 places is a start. I will not be satisfied until the table trembles.

Q9. You hold £0.5m in the bank and a squad worth £99.3m. Is that enough power?
A. It is a small power and I make do with it. A bank of £0.5m and a squad worth £99.3m is a foundation and not a fortress. I will build.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 4,414,309 of 11,290,027, the top 39.10 percent. Is that a victory?
A. It is a victory in the way that surviving a duel is a victory. A top 39 percent week of 59 points against an average of 55 is a result I will take. The next duel will be harder.

Q11. You were eighteenth last week and are eighteenth now. Is the villain going nowhere?
A. The villain is patient, and eighteenth is a place to wait. A movement of 0 places is a pause and not a defeat. The final act has not been written.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are eighteenth on 467 points, level with GP FC and 231 off the lead, overall rank 8,770,676 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost and £0.5m banked. How do you rise?

Fix the bench first, because 11 points held back this week and 13 the week before is the most obvious leak in the clan. Keep the armband on a player who plays and use the Wildcard when the squad is truly broken. The gap of 231 points to the top is large, but only 2 separates you from the pack behind, so the climb starts at home.

NEWPI BEACH HUT —

Surfer Falls 2 Places To nineteenth, Scores 51, Reports The Waves Were Fine

Club made no transfers, played no chips and had a bench that played no minutes, and none of it is a worry.

Newpi Nico Zarzaua

RANK 19 OF 21 · 465 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
8,814,944	6,855,713	51/0	99.3
of 11,290,027 — top 78.08%	of 11,290,027 — top 60.72%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.9m · 0 transfers

STARTING XI · 51 PTS

GKP	Pickford	EVE	5.5	3
DEF	Calafiori	ARS	5.9	6
DEF	Virgil	LIV	6.4	4
DEF	O'Reilly	MCI	6.2	1
DEF	Giles	HUL	4.0	1
MID	Ødegaard	ARS	6.7	11
MID	B.Fernandes **(V)**	MUN	11.6	10
MID	Szoboszlai	LIV	6.7	7
FWD	McBurnie	HUL	5.5	2
FWD	Gonzalo	FUL	5.9	2
FWD	Haaland **(C)**	MCI	15.8	4

BENCH · 0 PTS

GKP	Benda ⌀	NFO	4.5	0
DEF	O.Richards ⌀	NFO	3.9	0
MID	Belloumi ⌀	HUL	5.3	0
MID	Bendito Mantato ⌀	MUN	4.4	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

No transfers executed in Gameweek 10.

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~WILDCARD~~ ~~FREE HIT~~ ~~BENCH BOOST~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN~~

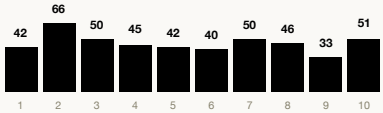
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	42	6,633,932	6,633,922	0	—
GW2	66	7,731,394	7,330,843	0	—
GW3	50	5,669,648	7,253,107	0	—
GW4	45	10,059,556	8,260,867	0	—
GW5	42	7,659,886	8,430,724	1	—
GW6	40	9,861,291	8,779,388	0	—
GW7	50	8,229,920	8,790,539	2	—
GW8	46	5,025,103	8,692,850	0	—
GW9	33	9,715,412	8,903,607	12	—
GW10	51	6,855,713	8,814,944	0	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	Akatsuki	467	+2	3
THIS CLUB	Newpi	465	+0	4
BELOW	BruceBall	446	−19	4

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 51 points against a global average of 55, with no transfers. How were the waves?
A. The waves were fine, thanks, and the points were fine too. 51 points against an average of 55 is a bit below the line, but I was not watching the line. The sun was out.

Q2. Haaland took the armband and returned 4 points doubled, while your vice-captain B.Fernandes returned 10. Do you wish you had picked him?
A. I wish I had, but only in the way you wish you had caught a different wave. Haaland returned 4 points as captain and B.Fernandes returned 10, so the gap is a fair one. There will be other waves.

Q3. Ødegaard returned 11 and B.Fernandes returned 10. Do you take credit?
A. I take some of it, in a relaxed way. Ødegaard returned 11 and B.Fernandes returned 10, and Szoboszlai added 7, so the squad had good moments. The sea does the rest.

Q4. You scored 33 in Gameweek 9 with 12 bench points. Did you notice?
A. I noticed it in the way you notice a cloud. Gameweek 9 returned 33 against a world average of 47 and the bench held 12, and then Gameweek 10 held 0. A surfer takes the swell as it comes.

Q5. Akatsuki are 2 points ahead and BruceBall are 19 behind. Is that close?
A. Akatsuki are only 2 points ahead, which is close enough to catch with one good wave. BruceBall are 19 behind me and that is a comfortable distance for now. I am staying where the water is warm.

Q6. You have used no chips and hold all four. Why not?
A. I have not found the right wave yet. A Wildcard, a Free Hit, a Bench Boost and a Triple Captain are all waiting for the big one. I will know it when I see it.

Q7. Your bench of Benda, O.Richards, Belloumi and Bendito Mantato played no minutes. Is that a worry?
A. It is not a worry and the bench returned 0 points, so no points were wasted. A bench that does not play does not cost anything, which is how I think about it. I like a quiet beach.

Q8. You hold £0.9m in the bank and a squad worth £99.3m. Is the cash for something?
A. It is for something, and I will find out what. A bank of £0.9m is a small thing and the squad worth £99.3m is a good one. I will keep surfing.

Q9. Your overall rank improved from 8,903,607 to 8,814,944, the top 78.08 percent. Did you drop?
A. I improved a bit, by 88,663 places, which is nice, though I fell in the league. Being 8,814,944 out of 11,290,027 is the top 78 percent, which is a great beach. The league is a smaller sea.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 6,855,713 of 11,290,027, the top 60.72 percent. Reaction?
A. Reaction is that it was a lovely day. A top 61 percent week of 51 points against an average of 55 is a result I will remember for a few hours. The swell will come again.

Q11. You were seventeenth last week and are nineteenth now. Do you care?
A. I care a little, in a sandy way. A fall of 2 places is a wave that went the other way and I will paddle back. There is plenty of water left.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are nineteenth on 465 points, 2 behind Akatsuki and 233 off the lead, overall rank 8,814,944 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost, Triple Captain and £0.9m banked. What is the plan?

Make a transfer, because no moves for two weeks has left the squad on autopilot, and four unspent chips are doing nothing in the sand. Put the armband on the player in the best form and use the chips when the fixtures say so. A gap of 2 to Akatsuki is one wave and the water is warm.

BRUCEBALL, ST JAMES' PARK END —

Captain Plays Zero Minutes, Vice-Captain Doubles Up For 12, Gaffer Calls It Typical

Armband passes to Raya after João Pedro does not feature, and the lad still delivers 12.

BruceBall Alex Bruce

RANK 20 OF 21 · 446 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
9,241,021	5,855,962	54/0	100.5
of 11,290,027 — top 81.85%	of 11,290,027 — top 51.87%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.2m · 0 transfers

STARTING XI · 54 PTS

GKP	Raya **(V)**	ARS	6.2	12
DEF	O'Reilly	MCI	6.2	1
DEF	O'Nien	SUN	3.9	5
DEF	Konsa	ARS	4.8	8
MID	Barnes	NEW	6.1	2
MID	Palmer	CHE	9.8	2
MID	Cherki	MCI	7.9	9
MID	McGinn	AVL	5.4	10
MID	Rice	ARS	7.5	3
FWD	João Pedro **(C)** ⌀	CHE	7.6	0
FWD	Haaland	MCI	15.8	2

BENCH · 0 PTS

GKP	Dubravka ⌀	TOT	4.0	0
DEF	James ⌀	CHE	5.2	0
DEF	Shahar ⌀	NEW	4.0	0
FWD	Woltemade ⌀	NEW	5.9	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

No transfers executed in Gameweek 10.

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~WILDCARD~~ ~~FREE HIT~~ ~~BENCH BOOST~~ ~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN~~

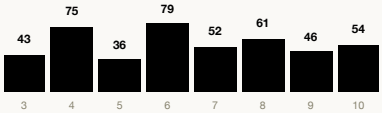
SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW3	43	8,150,207	10,253,246	0	—
GW4	75	3,624,717	10,057,988	0	—
GW5	36	9,176,671	10,160,838	0	—
GW6	79	712,130	9,855,285	0	—
GW7	52	7,774,732	9,812,001	0	—
GW8	61	1,005,075	9,495,195	0	—
GW9	46	5,779,256	9,380,910	0	—
GW10	54	5,855,962	9,241,021	0	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	**Newpi**	465	+19	4
THIS CLUB	**BruceBall**	446	+0	4
BELOW	**captain bruno**	422	−24	2

TRAJECTORY



THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You captained João Pedro, who played no minutes. The armband moved to Raya for 12 points. Did that save the week?
A. It saved the week, and I will say thanks to the vice-captain system, which has been very good to me. João Pedro did not leave the bench and the armband passed to Raya, who returned 12 points doubled. I would rather have captained the right man in the first place.

Q2. You scored 54 points against a global average of 55, with no transfers. Was that enough?
A. It was one short of the average, and that is how it goes in this game. 54 points against 55 is not a disgrace and I will take it on the chin. We go again.

Q3. Konsa returned 8, McGinn returned 10 and Cherki returned 9. Was that the backbone?
A. It was the backbone, and a good one. Konsa returned 8, McGinn returned 10 and Cherki returned 9, which is what you want from a spine. The rest have to pull their weight.

Q4. You scored 46 in Gameweek 9 against a world average of 47. Was that a decent week?
A. It was a decent week and one short of the average, and I will not argue with the number. Gameweek 9 returned 46 and Gameweek 10 returned 54, so the lads have been steady. Steady is a start.

Q5. Newpi are 19 points ahead and captain bruno are 24 behind. What do you make of it?
A. I make of it that there is a lot of football left, and a lot of points to find. Newpi are 19 ahead, which is a lot, and captain bruno are 24 back. We take it one game at a time.

Q6. You have used no chips and hold all four. When do you play them?
A. When the time is right, and I will know it. The Wildcard, the Free Hit, the Bench Boost and the Triple Captain are all in the bag. You do not waste a good thing.

Q7. Your bench of Dubravka, James, Shahar and Woltemade played no minutes. Is that a worry?
A. It is a worry in the sense that if one of the eleven is hurt, there is no cover. The bench returned 0 points because it played no minutes, and there is no automatic rescue for a captain who does not play. I will look at it.

Q8. You hold £0.2m in the bank and a squad worth £100.5m. Is that right?
A. It is right, and the lads are well looked after. A bank of £0.2m is a small cushion and the squad worth £100.5m is a solid base. I will not be spending for the sake of it.

Q9. Your overall rank improved from 9,380,910 to 9,241,021, the top 81.85 percent. Any pride?
A. A bit of pride, and a lot of work still to do. Being 9,241,021 out of 11,290,027 is the top 82 percent and the improvement of 139,889 places is welcome. The graft goes on.

Q10. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 5,855,962 of 11,290,027, the top 51.87 percent. Fair?
A. It is fair, and I will not dress it up. A top 52 percent week of 54 points against an average of 55 is a decent day's work. We will go again on Saturday.

Q11. You are twentieth again. Is that the level the club belongs at?
A. It is where we are, and I will not pretend otherwise. We are on 446 points and I know the gap. The club is going nowhere and I intend to climb.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are twentieth on 446 points, 19 behind Newpi and 252 off the lead, overall rank 9,241,021 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit, Bench Boost, Triple Captain and £0.2m banked. What is the way up?

Check the team news before you name the captain, because the armband went to a man who played no minutes and was saved by the vice-captain. Put real players on the bench so a hurt starter is covered, and use the Wildcard when the squad is ready for a rebuild. A gap of 19 to Newpi is a long one, but every point has to be earned.

CAPTAIN BRUNO TRADING DESK —

Trader Posts 73 With No Transfers After A 24-Point Hit Last Week, Holds Last Place

Gameweek 9 produced 78, the best in the league, before a deduction; Gameweek 10 added 73 with a calm desk.

captain bruno Nick Revia

RANK 21 OF 21 · 422 PTS

OVERALL RANK	GAMEWEEK 10 RANK	GW10 / BENCH	SQUAD / BANK
9,691,047	825,099	73/8	102.4
of 11,290,027 — top 85.84%	of 11,290,027 — top 7.31%	world avg 55 · hit –0	bank £0.1m · 0 transfers

STARTING XI · 73 PTS

GKP	Raya	ARS	6.2	6
DEF	De Cuyper	BHA	5.5	6
DEF	Konsa	ARS	4.8	8
DEF	Tarkowski	EVE	6.2	2
DEF	Gabriel	ARS	8.1	8
MID	Manzambi **(C)**	AVL	6.2	4
MID	Cherki	MCI	7.9	9
MID	Palmer	CHE	9.8	2
FWD	N.Jackson **(V)**	AVL	7.1	11
FWD	Evanilson	BOU	6.5	9
FWD	Isak	LIV	9.3	8

BENCH · 8 PTS

GKP	Lammens	MUN	4.8	0
MID	Kroupi.Jr	BOU	7.3	0
DEF	Hill	BOU	5.6	0
MID	Doku	MCI	7.5	0

GAMEWEEK 10 TRANSFERS

No transfers executed in Gameweek 10.

CHIPS · STRUCK THROUGH ARE SPENT

~~TRIPLE CAPTAIN (GW4)~~ ~~BENCH BOOST (GW8)~~ WILDCARD FREE HIT

SEASON RECORD

	PTS	GW RANK	OVERALL	BENCH	HIT
GW1	56	2,677,595	2,677,591	4	—
GW2	92	2,880,185	3,896,617	12	−12
GW3	49	6,418,443	5,816,208	11	−12
GW4	59	8,053,373	6,394,768	21	—
GW5	45	6,593,067	8,071,311	18	−24
GW6	56	6,350,744	8,512,165	17	−16
GW7	38	10,292,643	9,905,496	13	−52
GW8	52	3,280,323	10,188,108	0	−36
GW9	78	123,961	10,028,321	16	−24
GW10	73	825,099	9,691,047	8	—

IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

	CLUB	PTS	DIFF	CHIPS
ABOVE	BruceBall	446	+24	4
THIS CLUB	captain bruno	422	+0	2

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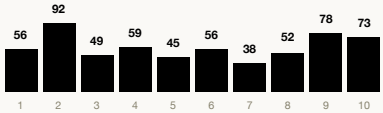

THE INQUEST · TWELVE QUESTIONS

Q1. You scored 78 in Gameweek 9, the best in the league, with a 24-point deduction and 7 transfers. Was that the trade of the year?
A. It was a high-volume week and I will say it paid off in rank, because a world rank of 123,961 is a serious print. The 24-point deduction came out of the total and the 78 points before it carried the position. I would do it again and I would also not do it again.

Q2. You scored 73 points against a global average of 55, with no transfers. What changed?
A. I held the book and let the positions run, which is the only calm trade I know. 73 points against an average of 55 was one of the best weeks in the league and the first with no deduction in a while. The desk is quiet, which is unnerving.

Q3. Manzambi took the armband and returned 4 points doubled, while your vice-captain N.Jackson returned 11. Was that the right captain?
A. It was the wrong captain on the evidence, and I know the number. Manzambi returned 2 and the armband made it 4, while N.Jackson returned 11 from the vice-captaincy. I have flagged the position for reallocation.

Q4. Your bench returned 8 points, with Hill returning 4. Was that a missed trade?
A. It was a missed trade and a small one. Hill returned 4 from the bench, and the bench held 8 in total, after 16 the week before. I am tightening the book.

Q5. BruceBall are 24 points ahead. Can you catch them?
A. I can catch them, and I have the model to prove it. 24 points is two good weeks and I have just had two good weeks. The position is last and the momentum is not.

Q6. You used the Triple Captain in Gameweek 4 and Bench Boost in Gameweek 8. What is left?
A. I hold Wildcard, Free Hit, and I will deploy them at the best price. The Wildcard is the biggest reset I have and the Free Hit is a one-week patch. I am not rushing.

Q7. Your overall rank improved from 10,028,321 to 9,691,047, the top 85.84 percent. Is the position cheap?
A. The position is cheap and rising, which is exactly how I like it. An improvement of 337,274 places is a real move and I am buying more. Being 9,691,047 out of 11,290,027 is a long way from the bottom.

Q8. You hold £0.1m in the bank and a squad worth £102.4m. Is the balance sheet healthy?
A. The balance sheet is healthy, with £0.1m cash and a squad worth £102.4m, which is one of the highest values in the league. I am asset-rich and points-poor, which is a strange combination. The cash is working.

Q9. Your Gameweek 10 rank was 825,099 of 11,290,027, the top 7.31 percent. Is that a rally?
A. It is a rally and I will say so without hedging. A top 7 percent week of 73 points against an average of 55 is a very good print. Two good weeks is the start of a trend and I am long.

Q10. You were twenty-first last week and are twenty-first now. Is last place a floor?
A. Last place is a floor, and floors are where you buy. I am 276 points off the lead and 24 behind the next side, and both numbers are shrinking in my model. I will keep adding.

Q11. You made 7 transfers in Gameweek 9 and none in Gameweek 10. What does that say about the desk?
A. It says the desk knows when to trade and when to hold. A heavy week followed by a quiet week is the rhythm of a book that has been rebalanced. I will trade again when the price is right.

THE LEDGER · VERDICT AND INSTRUCTION

You are twenty-first on 422 points, 24 behind BruceBall and 276 off the lead, overall rank 9,691,047 of 11,290,027, with Wildcard, Free Hit and £0.1m banked. What is the trade?

Keep the discipline of the last week, because two big scores are what is moving the book, and stop paying for hits that the squad does not need. Put the armband on a player with the highest floor and use the Wildcard if the squad needs a full rebuild. A gap of 24 to BruceBall is two more weeks like these.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK —

Eight Days To Gameweek 11

TO ALL 21 MANAGERS OF THE LOBSTER LEAGUE

DEADLINE 21 NOV 2026 AT 11:00 UTC

Gameweek 10 is final. Bonus points are applied, auto-substitutions are processed, and every rank printed in this edition has been verified against **11,290,027** managers worldwide.

1 of you captained a player who did not play. 119 points were left on benches and 4 points were paid in deductions. The next gameweek starts with the same table and a new set of fixtures.

GAMEWEEK 10, FOR THE RECORD

Managers worldwide	11,290,027
Global average	55
Global best score	139
Our best	88
Our worst	35
Points paid in deductions	4
Points left on benches	119
Captained a non-player	1
Best world rank	0.95%

What To Do Before The Deadline

- **Check team news before the deadline.** Confirm your captain is named and fit. Gameweek 10 showed that a named captain who does not play costs the whole armband.
- **Let free transfers bank where it is free.** Holding a transfer you do not need yet is cheaper than taking a hit. Only move when a change is clearly worth it.
- **Re-time your chips against the fixtures.** Use the planner page: Wildcards suit a broken squad, Free Hits suit a blank, Bench Boost suits a double.
- **Audit your bench for players who do not play.** A bench of non-players means one injury becomes a guaranteed zero, because there is no automatic rescue.
- **Watch the price changes, but calmly.** Prices move overnight. Buy what you need, not what you think will rise by a tenth.
- **Set a reminder for the deadline.** The deadline is Saturday 21 November at 11:00 UTC. Put it in your phone today.

A Word For Each Of You

01	**Gaucho F.C.**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 64 points, ranked 2,732,079 in the world, and sits 1 in the league on 698.
02	**Bart's Team**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 63 points, ranked 3,022,376 in the world, and sits 2 in the league on 672.
03	**Gunner4Lyfe**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 88 points, ranked 83,152 in the world, and sits 3 in the league on 646.
04	**Saka la bolsita**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 63 points, ranked 3,104,107 in the world, and sits 4 in the league on 637.
05	**El Cochiloco**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 73 points, ranked 879,127 in the world, and sits 5 in the league on 632.
06	**szobamela**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 65 points, ranked 2,324,072 in the world, and sits 6 in the league on 621.
07	**Dang Football Club**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 52 points, ranked 6,751,743 in the world, and sits 7 in the league on 606.
08	**papoy**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 68 points, ranked 1,778,028 in the world, and sits 8 in the league on 591.
09	**The Special Ones**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 76 points, ranked 528,049 in the world, and sits 9 in the league on 552.
10	**Camp Nou Way**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 68 points, ranked 1,778,028 in the world, and sits 10 in the league on 549.
11	**Red Lobster FC**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 52 points, ranked 6,837,067 in the world, and sits 11 in the league on 543.
12	**fc rtw**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 62 points, ranked 3,466,235 in the world, and sits 12 in the league on 526.
13	**MAD Baller**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 36 points, ranked 10,309,276 in the world, and sits 13 in the league on 515.
14	**FK Jizmaila Sarr**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 35 points, ranked 10,429,806 in the world, and sits 14 in the league on 506.
15	**are you aMAD**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 68 points, ranked 1,615,058 in the world, and sits 15 in the league on 501.
16	**sakadeez**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 46 points, ranked 8,574,824 in the world, and sits 16 in the league on 490.
17	**GP FC**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 59 points, ranked 4,136,841 in the world, and sits 17 in the league on 467.
18	**Akatsuki**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 59 points, ranked 4,414,309 in the world, and sits 18 in the league on 467.
19	**Newpi**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 51 points, ranked 6,855,713 in the world, and sits 19 in the league on 465.
20	**BruceBall**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 54 points, ranked 5,855,962 in the world, and sits 20 in the league on 446.
21	**captain bruno**	Finished Gameweek 10 on 73 points, ranked 825,099 in the world, and sits 21 in the league on 422.

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