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FEAST OR FAMINE · GAMEWEEK 11 IN FULL

Seven armbands, *one raw bird*

Haaland played 90 minutes, was credited with 1.03 expected goals and scored none. The Lobster League's favourite captain returned two points, doubled to four.

13/21	7/21	1.03	2	4/21
HAALAND STARTS	HAALAND ARMBANDS	HAALAND XG	HAALAND POINTS	EVANILSON ARMBANDS

Manchester City drew Fulham 1–1 on Saturday and Erling Haaland was the one player our managers could not quit. He started in 13 of the 21 league elevens, more than anyone else, and 7 of you gave him the armband: Gaucho F.C., Saka la bolsita, El Cochiloco, szobamela, Red Lobster FC, FK Jizmaila Sarr, Newpi. FPL's own data credited him 1.03 expected goals over 90 minutes. The scoreboard credited him with nothing.

Those seven armbands averaged **32.7** points after hits. The other fourteen managers averaged **35.9**. That is a modest gap on a small sample, and a consensus captain failing is nobody's folly in particular: Haaland is owned by 76.9% of all FPL managers.

Gaucho F.C. was the exception. Armband on Haaland, 43 points anyway, and a lead over Bart's Team that grew from 26 to **36** (741 to 705).

The carvers took the other bird. Evanilson, 90 minutes at Bournemouth, one goal, six points, was captained by four managers: Dang Football Club, papoy, Camp Nou Way and MAD Baller (with a Triple Captain). **Dang Football Club scored 53**, the best score in the league after hits, and moved from 7th to 6th. At the other end, **FK Jizmaila Sarr scored 16**, the lowest of the 21, with Haaland wearing the armband, and slid from 14th to 16th.

GOLDEN DRUMSTICK	COLD TURKEY	BIGGEST ARMBAND	BIGGEST CLIMB	FULLEST BENCH	BIGGEST HIT
Dang Football Club	**FK Jizmaila Sarr**	**MAD Baller**	**Newpi**	**Dang Football Club**	**MAD Baller**
Best score after hits: 53	Lowest score: 16	18 points (Triple Captain)	19th to 17th	19 bench points	−16 for six transfers

THE TABLE, SERVED

AFTER GW11 · POINTS AFTER HITS (RED = HIT PAID) · ARROWS V. GW10

		TEAM · MANAGER	GW11	TOTAL	GAP
1	-	**Gaucho F.C.** gian jaen	43	741	–
2	-	**Bart's Team** Bart Simp	33	705	−36
3	-	**Gunner4Lyfe** Joshua Clarke	38	684	−57
4	-	**Saka la bolsita** Phillip Lopez	38	675	−66
5	-	**El Cochiloco** Alfonso Castrejon	31	663	−78
6	▲1	**Dang Football Club** Khang Dang	53	659	−82
7	▼1	**szobamela** Jose Castrejon	27	648	−93
8	-	**papoy** Alexis Segura	42	633	−108
9	-	**The Special Ones** Cameron Walker	49	601	−140
10	-	**Camp Nou Way** Abner Chavez	32	581	−160
11	-	**Red Lobster FC** Neil Patel-Hernandez	35	578	−163
12	-	**fc rtw** danny lopez	33	559	−182
13	-	**MAD Baller** TC Marie Drosche	−16 42	557	−184
14	▲1	**are you aMAD** Felix Holland	34	535	−206
15	▲1	**sakadeez** FH Drin Pacuku	43	533	−208
16	▼2	**FK Jizmaila Sarr** Aleksa Divcic	16	522	−219
17	▲2	**Newpi** Nico Zarzaua	39	504	−237
18	▼1	**GP FC** Chris Tran	30	497	−244
19	▼1	**Akatsuki** Giancarlos Castaneda	27	494	−247
20	-	**BruceBall** Alex Bruce	27	473	−268
21	-	**captain bruno** Nick Revia	−4 20	442	−299

THE ROAST OF THE WEEK · BRUCEBALL

Captain João Pedro: out since October, *still wearing the armband*

FPL has listed João Pedro as injured since **24 October**: "Thigh injury - Unknown return date". He has played **0 minutes in four straight gameweeks** (GW8 to GW11). BruceBall has had him as captain **six weeks running** (GW6 to GW11), through every deadline since the flag went up.

GW6	GW7	GW8	GW9	GW10	GW11
71′	90′	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
João Pedro 2×	João Pedro 2×	Raya 7×2 = **14**	Raya 5×2 = **10**	Raya 6×2 = **12**	Raya 1×2 = **2**

The vice-captain rule did the work: Raya inherited the armband from GW8 and returned **14, 10, 12 and 2** doubled points. In GW11 the safety net returned **2**. The league's average armband returned **6.8** (142 points over 21 managers). He also stayed in the XI scoring 0: all four bench players played 0 minutes, so nobody could be swapped in. BruceBall scored **27** against a global average of 35 and sits 20th.

FORESIGHT · PUBLIC INJURY NEWS AT THE GW9, GW10 AND GW11 DEADLINES · WINDOW GW6-GW11

ALSO SERVED

MAD BALLER · THE BENCH THAT BIT BACK
Triple Captain on Evanilson paid 18, while his Bournemouth teammate Hill scored 14 on MAD Baller's bench behind De Cuyper, who started for 1. A 16-point hit bought six transfers: 7 points in, 5 out. Before the deadline De Cuyper led Hill 75 season points to 42, so the pick was defensible; the 14 is hindsight.

GAUCHO F.C. · THE SALE
Sold Calvert-Lewin (9) for N.Jackson (2); Dang Football Club and szobamela benched him on 9. Before the deadline he had 6 points in three gameweeks, so the sale was defensible; the 9 is hindsight.

CAPTAIN BRUNO · THE SWAP
Sold Hill (14) for Vuskovic (0) in three transfers and a 4-point hit. Fair on form: Vuskovic had 70 season points to Hill's 42.

TARKOWSKI · SENT OFF AFTER 39 MINUTES
Everton lost 4–0 at Brentford; he scored −4 from two of our benches (MAD Baller, captain bruno). Cost: 0.

THE EMPTY CHAIR

Best formation-legal XI from a manager's own 15, minus the XI they actually fielded after auto-subs. Raw GW11 points, armbands ignored.

17 MAD Baller
Benched: Hill 14 + Havertz 5. Started instead: De Cuyper 1 + Cherki 1.

14 szobamela
Benched: Calvert-Lewin 9 + Kinsky 7. Started instead: Diop 0 + Verbruggen 2.

13 Dang Football Club
Benched: Calvert-Lewin 9 + Ajayi 6 + Guéhi 2. Started instead: Calafiori 1 + Gabriel 1 + Kamada 2.

HINDSIGHT · WINDOW GW11

League total 101 points (4.8 a manager); 7 managers fielded the best XI. Not the same as FPL bench points: formations must stay legal.

THE GRAVY TRAIN

Armband points minus the template pick's: the player in the XI started by the most league managers (ties: FPL ownership).

+5 Camp Nou Way
Evanilson 6 vs Raya 1

+4 Dang Football Club
Evanilson 6 vs Haaland 2

+4 papoy
Evanilson 6 vs Haaland 2

−3 fc rtw
Palmer 2 vs Rogers 5

BASELINE KNOWABLE · SCORED IN HINDSIGHT · WINDOW GW11

7 beat the template, 11 matched it (all seven Haaland captains), 3 lost: +15 net. Vice-captains count when the captain did not play.

THE TURKEY TAX

Points from players bought, minus points from players sold, minus the hit. Both counted as if they started. Chip weeks carry no hit and are shown apart.

−17 captain bruno
3 transfers, −4 hit. In 5, out 18. E.Le Fée 3 for Doku 2; B.Fernandes 2 for Palmer 2; Vuskovic 0 for Hill 14.

−14 MAD Baller
6 transfers, −16 hit. In 7, out 5.

−7 Gaucho F.C.
1 transfer, no hit. In 2, out 9. N.Jackson 2 for Calvert-Lewin 9.

HINDSIGHT · WINDOW GW11 TRANSFERS

Two managers paid hits: 20 points between them. sakadeez's Free Hit swaps scored 27 in and 22 out (+5) but carry no tax.

THE WISHBONE AWARD

The player who split two table neighbours most: biggest gap in one player's GW11 points between adjacent squads, at the multiple each used.

18 fc rtw (12) v MAD Baller (13)
fc rtw did not field him; MAD Baller tripled. Table gap 2.

18 MAD Baller (13) v are you aMAD (14)
MAD Baller tripled; are you aMAD did not field him. Table gap 22.

12 Dang Football Club (6) v szobamela (7)
Dang Football Club captained; szobamela did not field him. Table gap 11.

HINDSIGHT · WINDOW GW11

Evanilson is the wedge in the seven largest neighbour swings (12 or more each). The eighth is Pedro Porro, 11.

LEFTOVER FC

HINDSIGHT · WINDOW GW11

Best legal XI from players left on benches after auto-subs. One copy of each, GW11 points, no armband.

84 points in a 5-2-3 from 65 benched players. Best manager: 53; global best: 106.

GKP	**Kinsky** szobamela	TOT	7
DEF	**Hill** MAD Baller	BOU	14
DEF	**Ajer** Gaucho F.C.	BRE	6
DEF	**Kayode** sakadeez	BRE	6
DEF	**Ajayi** Dang Football Club	HUL	6
DEF	**Hume** papoy	SUN	5
MID	**Tavernier** El Cochiloco	BOU	8
MID	**Ødegaard** Bart's Team	ARS	5
FWD	**McBurnie** Newpi	HUL	13
FWD	**Calvert-Lewin** Dang Football Club & szobamela	LEE	9
FWD	**Havertz** MAD Baller	ARS	5

HOW WE CHECKED IT

FPL marks GW11 finished and data-checked. Every manager's points after hits and all 21 league totals were rebuilt from FPL's history and tie out. Each metric is tagged hindsight or foresight: only the Roast rests on information public at the deadline.

Next up: the Gameweek 12 deadline is Friday 27 November at 18:30 UTC. Set the armband before the bird goes in.

GAPS WE FLAG

FPL does not archive expected points, prices or ownership per deadline, so "form" means earlier gameweek points and league ownership is counted from the 21 squads. The Turkey Tax assumes bought and sold players would both have started. The injury flag is FPL's current news field; its date predates the GW9 to GW11 deadlines, but the chance of playing at each deadline is not archived.