

FC WORLD

SEASON PREVIEW 2017-2018



PREMIER



CHAMPIONSHIP



LEAGUE ONE



LEAGUE TWO



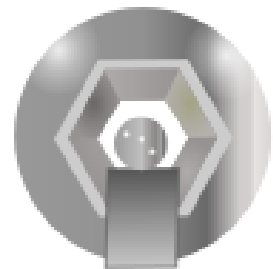
CONFERENCE



PYRAMID PREMIER



PYRAMID ONE



PYRAMID TWO

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Introduction

Six years ago now I embarked on what was a very time consuming project when I previewed every manager in the Super20 League. It was the 10th Anniversary of the game and decided I wanted to do something special.

In that preview all 160 managers had a page with the information of when they had joined the game and how many seasons they had been taking part, their fixtures for their super20 league were also published. The page also showed their complete history in all competitions and highlighted the honours that have won in the game. Also showed their statistics from the previous season average score highest gameweek score etc. Then the FC Expert predicted where he / she thought they would finish in their division that season and gave them a rating for their time in the FC game.

I have tried to reproduce similar pre-season previews but have always been thwarted, to do a preview like this really requires everyone to sign up to the game with a decent amount of time to spare. In fact I have started to pen several pre-season previews since then with few being published.

The difficulty comes in doing a prediction for a Super20 league and then that manager dropping out of the game but not informing me until the last minute, I will have penned a few lines about the manager and the FC Expert (yes it is not me) has predicted the whole outcome of that division with the manager in it, now he has withdrawn another manager has received either a lucky survival or lucky promotion, is not just case of the FC Expert saying they will finish in the same place as the manager who withdrew.

So with all the editing that is involved and then often the game is starting and has to be structured the preview has been shelved sometimes many pages have been written but discarded due to the amount of late drop outs.

Last season I introduced the extra coverage of the FC World for the FC Cup, I believe this was received well and whilst it is all the different games that makes fantasy Challenge different I think it is these new stories that also separates it form other Fantasy games and in my opinion makes it the best game to play, I am biased obviously.

This season the Premier league managers have signed up early enough for me to preview that division, whilst I do not want the game to be focused on only the top flight as real football usually is the 20 managers signing up so early meant that I could do a preview of the Premier League knowing that it would not change. So I decided to do this and hoped it might encourage managers in other division to sign up to hopefully see a preview of their division or for managers wanting to drop have an understanding of why it is important I get as much notice as possible. Whilst I do not want manager to leave the game I understand and do really appreciate as much notice as possible.

So I hope you enjoy the following pages where I preview the Premier League and hope that I can soon do the Championship, League One, League Two, Conference, Pyramid Premier, Pyramid One and Pyramid Two.

Paul Richardson

FC Founder

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HOW THEY FINISHED 2016-2017

POS	TEAM	PLD	WON	DRW	LST	FOR	AGST	+/-	PTS
1	Andy Taylor	38	24	1	13	2195	1988	207	73
2	James Dwinfour	38	23	2	13	2281	2118	163	71
3	Steve Haley	38	23	0	15	2125	2072	53	69
4	Andy Gurney	38	22	0	16	2168	2010	158	66
5	Omid Afzalalghom	38	22	0	16	2154	2005	149	66
6	Steve Shew	38	21	1	16	2229	2085	144	64
7	Michael Lynn	38	21	0	17	2039	2048	-9	63
8	Ian Gredley	38	20	0	18	2051	2026	25	60
9	Dave Sinclair	38	20	0	18	1950	1981	-31	60
10	Oliver Shanks	38	19	0	19	2067	2053	14	57
11	Richard Munroe	38	19	0	19	1978	1993	-15	57
12	Paul Dwinfour	38	19	0	19	2021	2063	-42	57
13	Rob Gurney	38	18	1	19	2060	2084	-24	55
14	Lee Ferridge	38	18	1	19	1961	1997	-36	55
15	Glen Hogwood	38	18	0	20	2180	2071	109	54
16	Jeff Aldersea	38	18	0	20	1854	1913	-59	54
17	Sandeep Chohan	38	14	0	24	1967	2027	-60	42
18	Andrew Burchell	38	14	0	24	1776	2077	-301	42
19	Adam Pemberton	38	13	0	25	1938	2180	-242	39
20	Paul Richardson	38	11	0	27	1913	2116	-203	33



FC EXPERT

The question always comes up as to who is the FC Expert. His / Her identity remains a mystery. Only Paul Richardson knows the true identity of the FC Expert.

It is thought the FC Expert is similar to the Stig in the BBC Top Gear programme in that there has been more than one down the years.

Who he / she is might still be a mystery but one thing we do know is that in 32 Cup Final previews 24 have been predicted correctly a success rate of 75%

FC EXPERT RATING SYSTEM FOR MANAGERS

★★★★★ = Legend

★★★★ = Establishment

★★★ = Rising Star

★★★ = The Jury Is Out

★★ = Not Making Any Waves Yet

★ = New Manager

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Adrian Taylor

Has progressed from Pyramid One to the Premier League in successive seasons gaining two lucky promotions. He has also made two Champions League Semi-Finals, 2015 & 2016. He claimed a major trophy when he won the overall league in his rookie season, everyone in the FC World is interested to see what he will do in his first season in the top flight after successive promotions can he have an instant impact in the top flight.

LAST FOUR SEASONS

S20 Division	Place
CHAMPIONSHI	2 nd
LEAGUE ONE	3 rd
LEAGUE TWO	3 rd
CONFERENCE	6 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★ = Rising Star

SEASONS PREDICTION

10th

Andraes Themistocleous

Considering this season will only be his first in the top flight it is impressive that the FC Expert has already given him legendary status. He became the first manager to win the overall league twice in the Premier League era and has also won the Champions League in 2015. His inclusion in the Premier league has created a real buzz around The FC World.

LAST FOUR SEASONS

S20 Division	Place
CHAMPIONSHIP	1 st
CHAMPIONSHIP	12 th
LEAGUE ONE	1 st
LEAGUE TWO	2 nd

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★★ = Legend

SEASONS PREDICTION

Runner-Up

Andy Gurney

Only one of two managers to have won the Premier League twice Andy is making the headlines again. After a couple of poor seasons, for him, in the top flight he finished 4th last time out. His last major trophy was 2014 the Super20 Cup. He will back in the Super20 Cup this season after missing out for two seasons many in the FC World feel he is ready to challenge again for the major trophies.

LAST FOUR SEASONS

S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	4 th
PREMIER	10 th
PREMIER	12 th
PREMIER	3 rd

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★★ = Legend

SEASONS PREDICTION

7th

Andy Taylor

This will be his 5th season in the top flight he has never finished below 6th and after being runner-up in his first season in the top flight he claimed the crown last season. He won the Super20 Cup last season making him a multiple major trophy winner. The whole of the FC World looks on with interest to see how reigning Champion is going to fair in the defence of his title

LAST FOUR SEASONS

S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	1 st
PREMIER	6 th
PREMIER	5 th
PREMIER	2 nd

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★ = Establishment

SEASONS PREDICTION

9th

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Dave Sinclair

Since gaining promotion to the Premier league back in 2008 he has never being relegated, qualifying for the Super20 Cup 5 out of 9 seasons in the top flight. He is still to win a major trophy his only appearance in a major final was the 2008 Champions League. He just missed out on Super20 Cup qualification last season he will be hoping to get back into the top 8 this. A solid performer in the top flight.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	9 th
PREMIER	12 th
PREMIER	8 th
PREMIER	13 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★ = Establishment

SEASONS PREDICTION

15th

Glen Hogwood

Glen made easy work of League Two and League One in his first two seasons also winning the FC Cup in his second season. It took him 3 seasons to get out of the Championship winning it in 2012. After a fantastic first season in the top flight finishing 3rd two seasons later he was relegated. Last term was his first back and just avoided relegation. He will be hoping to stay up more than two seasons this time around.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	15 th
CHAMPIONSHIP	5 th
PREMIER	20 th
PREMIER	10 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★ = Establishment

SEASONS PREDICTION

13th

Hakan Bedir

Five seasons in League One certainly did not have anyone in the FC World taking notice of Hakan. A run to the Fc Cup semi-Final in 2010 seemed to bring a change of fortune. Successive promotions was followed by two tough seasons in the top flight, culminating in relegation but he won The New Life Cup his first major trophy. Two seasons later he is back in the Premier League.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
CHAMPIONSHIP	3 rd
CHAMPIONSHIP	7 th
PREMIER	18 th
CHAMPIONSHIP	1 st

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★ = The Jury Is Out

SEASONS PREDICTION

16th

Ian Gredley

Won the Premier league at his first attempt in 2016 his one and only Major trophy. Last season the defence of his title he finished a respectable 7th qualifying for a successive Super20 Cup campaign. Going from Pyramid Premier to Premier in 6 seasons caught the headline sand whilst the Fc expert has him as a rising star many feel there are more major trophies to come.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	8 th
PREMIER	1 st
CHAMPIONSHIP	2 nd
LEAGUE ONE	2 nd

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★ = Rising Star

SEASONS PREDICTION

8th

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James Dwinfour

Had long lived in the shadow of his uncle Paul 'The Ledge' Dwinfour but now has legendary status himself and by right. He has won 1 Premier title, 1 Overall League title, 1 Fc Cup and 2 Super20 Cups has seen him surpass his uncle total of 3 major trophies with 5. James alongside Adam Pemberton and Steve Shew is the most successful manager in FC history. Every season he amongst the favourites to win the Premier League.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	2 nd
PREMIER	13 th
PREMIER	4 th
PREMIER	8 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★★ = Legend

SEASONS PREDICTION

4th

Lee Ferridge

Since being promoted to the Premier League in 2015 he has managed to maintain his top-flight status. The last two seasons he has finished 14th after a good first season finishing 9th. Lee can now be considered part of the FC Establishment with 11 seasons in the game and having come from League Two to the Premier League. The next step is to win a major trophy, his best cup run was the Fc Cup quarter-Final back in 2010.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	14 th
PREMIER	9 th
CHAMPIONSHIP	4 th
LEAGUE ONE	3 rd

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★ = The Jury Is Out

SEASONS PREDICTION

18th

Michael Carleton

The 2011 Champions League winner is back in the top flight after just one seasons absence. He had 4 seasons in the top flight after his first promotion but was relegated in 2016. Last season he secured his path back to the top flight on the last day of the season beating Dan Wyatt who occupied the final promotion berth, Carleton beat Wyatt with a big enough winning margin to overturn the points difference claiming 5th.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
CHAMPIONSHIP	5 th
PREMIER	18 th
PREMIER	10 th
PREMIER	11 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★ = The Jury Is Out

SEASONS PREDICTION

17th

Michael Lynn

When Michael Lynn came from the Conference to the Premier League in just 5 seasons everyone in the Fc World was excited by the prospect of him being in the top flight and expected him to challenge at the very top. Michael has had 4 seasons in the top flight his best finish was last seasons 7th place. Whilst not spectacular he remains a big name in the FC World with FC Cup and Champions League final appearances.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	7 th
PREMIER	15 th
PREMIER	14 th
PREMIER	12 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★ = Establishment

SEASONS PREDICTION

12th

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Oliver Shanks

Shanks has two major trophies to his name and has been in the top flight for 4 seasons. His first spell in the Premier League ended in promotion but a quick return has seen him maintain top flight status. His best finish was 7th in his first season back. His overall League victory and Champions League win in 2009 6 years ago. A Semi-Final appearance in the Champions League in 2013 his best performance for a while.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	10 th
PREMIER	11 th
PREMIER	11 th
PREMIER	7 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★ = Establishment

SEASONS PREDICTION

19th

Omid Afzalalghom

Given Legendary status by the FC Expert as one of a only two FC managers to have always been in the top flight and is the only manager to have finished in the top 8 of the Premier League every season. He won the FC Cup last season adding that to his two Champions League titles. To have finished 5th in the last two seasons is amazing consistency. The questions remains can he one day take the title.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	5 th
PREMIER	5 th
PREMIER	7 th
PREMIER	6 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★ = Legend

SEASONS PREDICTION

5th

Paul Dwinfour

'The Ledge' as he is known within the FC world was the original legend of the FC World. 'The Ledge' is now equal 4th on the all-time list of Major trophy winners and it has been 12 seasons since his last major trophy. After 3 seasons in the Championship he is back amongst the elite and looking to get back to Super20 Cup qualification. This will be his 3rd season back in the top flight and will want to break the top ten.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	12 th
PREMIER	14 th
CHAMPIONSHIP	3 rd
CHAMPIONSHIP	6 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★ = Legend

SEASONS PREDICTION

11th

Richard Munroe

Last seasons was Richard's 3rd in the top flight and the first time he has failed to qualify for the Super20 Cup. Munroe is proving to be a consistent performer in eth top flight but as yet is not challenging for the major honours. It took him 7 seasons to move from League Two to the Premier league and he does look comfortable at this level. the Cups a Quarter-Final in the Champions League and New Life Cup his best so far.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	11 th
PREMIER	4 th
PREMIER	6 th
CHAMPIONSHIP	5 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★ = Establishment

SEASONS PREDICTION

14th

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Roari Fox

Fox took 4 seasons to go from League One to the Premier League but was relegated in his first season, at that time, he was a name many tipped for the top but that relegation and then spending 6 seasons in the Championship which included 3 Lucky Survivals from relegation. With no real cup pedigree, his promotion last season back to the top flight has pushed him back into the spotlight, can he stay up this time.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
CHAMPIONSHIP	4 th
CHAMPIONSHIP	15 th
CHAMPIONSHIP	18 th
CHAMPIONSHIP	17 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★ = The Jury Is Out

SEASONS PREDICTION

20th

Rob Gurney

With four major trophies to his name Rob Gurney is one of the true legends of the FC World this season will be his 12th Season in the top flight only he and Omid Afzalghom have been ever presents in the top division. He was the inaugural winner of the Premier League back in 2007. Last season he finished 13th his worst performance in the league never being out of the top 10 previously.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	13 th
PREMIER	7 th
PREMIER	3 rd
PREMIER	5 th

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★★ = Legend

SEASONS PREDICTION

6th

Steve Haley

There was much excitement surrounding Haley after his first two seasons in the FC world. He had not only gained promotion but had claimed the conference and League Two titles. It took him 5 seasons to get out of League One just as the excitement had begun to die down he claimed the League One title and followed that up with promotion to the Premier League the next season. Finishing 3rd in his two seasons in the Premier.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	3 rd
PREMIER	3 rd
CHAMPIONSHIP	5 th
LEAGUE ONE	1 st

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★ = Rising Star

SEASONS PREDICTION

Champion

Steve Shew

Shewy as he affectionately known through the FC World is alongside Adam Pemberton and James Dwinfour the most successful manager in the game's history. Shewy has 5 major trophies. He is one of 3 managers who have won the Premier League twice. He is also the only manager to have won the FC Cup twice. After his last Premier league title in 2014 he was runner-up the next two seasons last season finishing 6th.

LAST FOUR SEASONS	
S20 Division	Place
PREMIER	6 th
PREMIER	2 nd
PREMIER	2 nd
PREMIER	1 st

FC EXPERT

RATING

★★★★★★ = Legend

SEASONS PREDICTION

3rd

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SEASON PREVIEW 2016-2017 – FC FACTS

IN the 12 seasons of the Super20 Competition 59 managers have had a season in the top flight below the table shows the 59 managers who have taken part in the Premier League sorted by the amount of season they have spent in the top flight.

MANAGER	SEASONS
Omid Afzalalghom	12
Rob Gurney	12
Andy Gurney	10
Dave Sinclair	10
James Dwinfour	10
Steve Shew	10
Adam Pemberton	9
Jeff Aldersea	9
Paul Dwinfour	9
Jim Burrows	8
Darrell Jenkins	7
Oliver Shanks	6
Paul Richardson	6
Andrew Hilliard	5
Andy Taylor	5
Glen Hogwood	5
Michael Carleton	5
Michael Lynn	5
Robin Wilson	5
Steve Whitely	5
Stewart Lunn	5
Andrew Burchell	4
Jean-Pierre Clegg	4
Kojo Amofa	4
Patrick O'Connor	4
Richard Munroe	4
Simon Baker	4
Steve Martin	4
Thomas Lusty	4
Hakan Bedir	3

MANAGER	SEASONS
Ian Gredley	3
Lee Ferridge	3
Patrick Hutchinson	3
Steve Haley	3
Stuart Powell	3
Cedric Ayres	2
David Johnson	2
Graham Price	2
Ian Philp	2
Joe Higgins	2
Kelvin Walker	2
Roari Fox	2
Sam Shew	2
Adrian Taylor	1
Andreas Themistocleous	1
Chad Pereira	1
Dale Mellor	1
Dan Bird	1
James Watson	1
Jere Kerkanen	1
Kaska Porczyk	1
Mark Angliss	1
Michael Healy	1
Nick Gilchrist	1
Nick Raphael	1
Nigel Finch	1
Richard Brennan	1
Sandeep Chohan	1
Simon Thomas	1