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END OF SEASON MANAGER STATISTICS

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01 SUMMARY

63
MANAGER
MOVEMENTS

44
MANAGER
DISMISSALS

19
MANAGER
RESIGNATIONS

7 PREMIER LEAGUE DISMISSALS¹ 15 CHAMPIONSHIP DISMISSALS²
10 LEAGUE 1 DISMISSALS 12 LEAGUE 2 DISMISSALS

- >> There have been 44 dismissals to 31st May 2017. This is down from the unprecedented high of 58 dismissals in the 2015-16 season.

- >> The 15 Championship dismissals is down from last season's second highest 19 Championship dismissals and the most dismissals of 20 managers in 2014-15.

- >> The managers dismissed in 2016-17 were in post for an average of only 1.16 years which is a new low for the average tenure of dismissed managers, ahead of the previous low of 1.23 years in 2014-15.

- >> The average tenure of dismissed managers in the Championship of 0.95 years in 2016-17 is down from last season's 1.13 years but above the lowest average tenure of 0.86 years in the 2014-15 season.

- >> Arsène Wenger OBE remains the longest serving current manager at 20.68 years.

- >> Arsène Wenger OBE is also the current manager to have managed most games, having managed 1642 games in professional football.

¹ One mutual consent case recognised within dismissal data in line with historical analysis

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02 SEASON TO DATE

02.1 SEASON TOTAL MOVEMENTS TO 31ST MAY 2017

63
MANAGER
CHANGES

44
MANAGERS
DISMISSED

19
MANAGERS
RESIGNED

02.2 SEASON TOTAL DISMISSALS YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

SEASON	DISMISSALS TO 31ST MAY
2016-17	44
2015-16	58
2014-15	47
2013-14	37
2012-13	43
2011-12	33
2010-11	38
2009-10	36
2008-09	33
2007-08	31
2006-07	46
2005-06	40

02.3 SEASON TOTAL DISMISSALS BY LEAGUE

LEAGUE	DISMISSALS
Premier League	7
Championship	15
League 1	10
League 2	12

02.4 SEASON TOTAL DISMISSALS BY LEAGUE YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE 1	LEAGUE 2	TOTAL
2016-17	7	15	10	12	44
2015-16	12	19	14	13	58
2014-15	5	20	12	10	47
2013-14	12	10	8	7	37
2012-13	8	13	11	11	43
2011-12	6	9	8	10	33

02.5 SEASON AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL DISMISSED MANAGERS

1.16 YEARS

02.6 SEASON AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL DISMISSED MANAGERS BY LEAGUE (in years)

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE 1	LEAGUE 2	OVERALL AVERAGE*
2016-17	1.31	0.95	1.55	1.01	1.16
2015-16	1.93	1.13	0.97	1.26	1.29
2014-15	1.80	0.86	1.41	1.44	1.23
2013-14	1.22	1.93	1.48	1.08	1.44
2012-13	2.81	1.04	1.37	2.57	1.84
2011-12	2.65	1.96	1.39	1.46	1.70

* As more managers have been dismissed in some leagues than others, the overall average tenure of all dismissed managers is not equal to the average of the league average tenure of dismissed managers.

03 OTHER STATISTICS

03.1

TOTAL DISMISSALS YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON SINCE 2005-06

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE 1	LEAGUE 2	TOTAL
2016-2017	7	15	10	12	44
2015-2016	12	19	14	13	58
2014-2015	5	20	12	10	47
2013-2014	12	10	8	7	37
2012-2013	8	13	11	11	43
2011-2012	6	9	8	10	33
2010-2011	6	9	12	11	38
2009-2010	5	11	9	11	36
2008-2009	4	8	14	7	33
2007-2008	7	9	6	9	31
2006-2007	8	12	14	12	46
2005-2006	3	11	13	13	40
TOTAL	82	147	130	127	486

03.2

AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL CURRENT MANAGERS

1.66
YEARS

03.3

AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL CURRENT MANAGERS BY LEAGUE

LEAGUE	AVERAGE TENURE
Premier League	2.68
Championship	1.07
League 1	1.37
League 2	1.71

03.4 LONGEST SERVING MANAGERS

	NAME	CLUB	LEAGUE	TENURE (YEARS)
1	Arsène Wenger OBE	Arsenal	Premier League	20.68
2	Paul Tisdale	Exeter City	League 2	10.94
3	Jim Bentley	Morecambe	League 2	6.05
4	Gareth Ainsworth	Wycombe Wanderers	League 2	4.68
5	Neal Ardley	AFC Wimbledon	League 1	4.64
6	Eddie Howe	AFC Bournemouth	Premier League	4.64
7	Sean Dyche	Burnley	Premier League	4.59
8	Mick McCarthy	Ipswich Town	Championship	4.58
9	Keith Hill	Rochdale	League 1	4.36
10	Simon Grayson	Preston North End	Championship	4.28

03.5 MOST GAMES MANAGED IN CAREER BY CURRENT MANAGERS

	NAME	GAMES MANAGED IN CAREER ¹
1	Arsène Wenger OBE	1642
2	Harry Redknapp	1385
3	Neil Warnock	1374
4	Tony Pulis	1033
5	Rafael Benítez	1028
6	Mick McCarthy	920
7	Ian Holloway	902
8	José Mourinho	829
9	Steve Bruce	820
10	Gary Johnson	803

¹ Games managed includes all competitive games within the top four tiers of English football, overseas professional leagues and international competitions.