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MID-SEASON MANAGER STATISTICS

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01 SUMMARY

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MANAGER MOVEMENTS

20

MANAGER DISMISSALS

2

MANAGER RESIGNATIONS

- >> The 20 dismissals so far in 2017-18 is lower than the record high of 29 dismissals to 31st December in 2015-16. There has been two more dismissals compared to the same point last season.

- >> The Premier League has seen the most dismissals to 31st December 2017. Seven managers have left their posts since 1st June 2017.

- >> For the first time in eight seasons the Sky Bet Championship has not seen the most dismissals to 31st December.

- >> The managers dismissed in 2017-18 were in post for an average of only 0.95 years compared with 1.39 years at the same point last season.

- >> 4 of the 20 managers dismissed in the first half of this season were first-time managers.

- >> Arsène Wenger remains the longest serving current manager at 21.25 years.

- >> Of current league managers, Arsène Wenger has managed the most games at 1672 games.

02 SEASON TO DATE

02.1 SEASON TOTAL MOVEMENTS TO DATE TO 31ST DECEMBER 2017

20
MANAGERS
DISMISSED

2
MANAGERS
RESIGNED

02.2 SEASON TOTAL DISMISSALS TO DATE YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

SEASON	DISMISSALS TO 31ST DECEMBER
2017-18	20
2016-17	18
2015-16	29
2014-15	27
2013-14	24
2012-13	21
2011-12	13
2010-11	14
2009-10	19
2008-07	19
2007-06	20
2006-05	22
2005-04	13

02.3 SEASON TOTAL DISMISSALS TO DATE BY LEAGUE

LEAGUE	DISMISSALS
Premier League	7
Championship	6
League One	4
League Two	3

02.4 SEASON TOTAL DISMISSALS TO DATE BY LEAGUE YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE ONE	LEAGUE TWO	TOTAL
2017-18	7	6	4	3	20
2016-17	3	8	4	3	18
2015-16	6	10	6	7	29
2014-15	2	12	5	8	27
2013-14	6	7	7	4	24
2012-13	4	7	5	5	21

02.5 SEASON AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL DISMISSED MANAGERS

0.95 YEARS

TO 31ST DECEMBER 2017

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

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE ONE	LEAGUE TWO	OVERALL AVERAGE
2017-18	1.34	0.84	0.69	0.62	0.95
2016-17	0.97	1.13	3.28	0.78	1.39
2015-16	2.08	1.32	1.47	1.62	1.58
2014-15	0.44	0.91	0.65	1.63	1.04
2013-14	1.22	1.93	1.48	1.08	1.44
2012-13	2.81	1.04	1.37	2.57	1.84

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

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE ONE	LEAGUE TWO	TOTAL
2017-2018 TO 31/12/17	7	6	4	3	20
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

03.2 AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL CURRENT MANAGERS*

1.98
YEARS

03.3 AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL CURRENT MANAGERS BY LEAGUE*

LEAGUE	AVERAGE TENURE
Premier League	2.78
Championship	1.35
League One	1.68
League Two	2.21

* Current managers as at 31st December 2017

03.4 LONGEST SERVING MANAGERS

	NAME	CLUB	LEAGUE	TENURE (YEARS)
1	Arsène Wenger	Arsenal	Premier League	21.25
2	Paul Tisdale	Exeter City	League Two	11.52
3	Jim Bentley	Morecambe	League Two	6.64
4	Gareth Ainsworth	Wycombe Wanderers	League Two	5.27
5	Neal Ardley	AFC Wimbledon	League One	5.22
6	Eddie Howe	AFC Bournemouth	Premier League	5.22
7	Sean Dyche	Burnley	Premier League	5.17
8	Mick McCarthy	Ipswich Town	Championship	5.16
9	Keith Hill	Rochdale	League One	4.94
10	Phil Brown	Southend United	League One	4.77

03.5 MOST GAMES MANAGED IN CAREER BY CURRENT MANAGERS*

	NAME	GAMES MANAGED IN CAREER**
1	Arsène Wenger	1672
2	Neil Warnock	1400
3	Rafael Benitez	1049
4	Tony Pulis	1048
5	Sam Allardyce	996
6	Mark McGhee	961
7	Mick McCarthy	946
8	Ian Holloway	929
9	David Moyes	897
10	José Mourinho	861

* Current managers as at 31st December 2017

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