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MID-SEASON MANAGER STATISTICS

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01 SUMMARY



- >> 29 dismissals to 31st December is the most ever at this stage of the season, 2 more than the previous high of 27, set in the 2014-15 season

- >> Of the four leagues, the Championship has seen the most dismissals with 10, which is 2 fewer than the 12 Championship dismissals by this stage of the 2014-15 season

- >> If the trend continues, we are on course to exceed the highest number of dismissals in one season over the past 10 years. The most recent high of 47 manager dismissals was set in 2014/15 and the highest ever total occurred in the 2001/02 season, with 53 dismissals.

- >> The managers dismissed so far this season have been in post for an average of only 1.58 years

- >> 8 of the 29 managers dismissed in the first half of this season were first-time managers

- >> Arsène Wenger remains the longest serving current manager at 19.26 years

- >> Of current league managers, Arsène Wenger has managed the most games in England at 1095 games

02 SEASON TO DATE

02.1 SEASON TOTAL MOVEMENTS TO DATE TO 31ST DECEMBER 2015



02.2 SEASON TOTAL DISMISSALS TO DATE YEAR ON YEAR COMPARISON

SEASON	DISMISSALS TO 31ST DECEMBER
2015-16	29
2014-15	27
2013-14	24
2012-13	21
2011-12	13
2010-11	14
2009-10	19
2008-09	19
2007-08	20
2006-07	22
2005-06	13

02.3 SEASON TOTAL DISMISSALS TO DATE BY LEAGUE

LEAGUE	DISMISSALS
Premier League	6
Championship	10
League 1	6
League 2	7

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

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE 1	LEAGUE 2	TOTAL
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
2011-12	2	5	3	3	13
2010-11	3	4	3	4	14

02.5 SEASON AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL DISMISSED MANAGERS

1.58 YEARS

TO 31ST DECEMBER 2015

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

SEASON	PREMIER LEAGUE	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEAGUE 1	LEAGUE 2	OVERALL AVERAGE
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
2011-12	2.65	1.96	1.39	1.46	1.7
2010-11	2.09	0.89	1.67	1.33	1.45

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 1	LEAGUE 2	TOTAL
2015-2016 TO 31/12/15	6	10	6	7	29
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

03.2 AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL CURRENT MANAGERS*

1.55
YEARS

03.3 AVERAGE TENURE OF ALL CURRENT MANAGERS BY LEAGUE*

LEAGUE	AVERAGE TENURE
Premier League	2.13
Championship	1.37
League 1	1.17
League 2	1.63

* Current managers as at 31st December 2015

03.4 LONGEST SERVING MANAGERS

	NAME	CLUB	LEAGUE	TENURE (YEARS)
1	Arsène Wenger	Arsenal	Premier League	19.26
2	Paul Tisdale	Exeter City	League Two	9.52
3	Karl Robinson	Milton Keynes Dons	Championship	5.65
4	Jim Bentley	Morecambe	League Two	4.64
5	Phil Parkinson	Bradford City	League One	4.35
6	Steve Davis	Crewe Alexandra	League One	4.14
7	Steve Bruce	Hull City	Championship	3.56
8	Gareth Ainsworth	Wycombe Wanderers	League Two	3.27
9	Neal Ardley	AFC Wimbledon	League Two	3.22
10	Eddie Howe	AFC Bournemouth	Premier League	3.22

03.5 MOST GAMES MANAGED IN ENGLAND BY CURRENT MANAGERS*

	NAME	GAMES MANAGED IN ENGLAND
1	Arsène Wenger	1095
2	Danny Wilson	1015
3	Tony Pulis	966
4	Sam Allardyce	925
5	Ronnie Moore	885
6	Kenny Jackett	803
7	Mick McCarthy**	782
8	Alan Pardew	758
9	Steve Bruce	756
10	Sean O'Driscoll	669

* Current managers as at 31st December 2015

John Still has managed 896 games in total but only 638 of these have been in the league

** Mick McCarthy has managed 834 games in total but 52 of these were for Republic of Ireland rather than in league football