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There are many incredible managers in world football right now, with both experienced and young managers catching the eye. Pep Guardiola, Carlo Ancelotti and Xabi Alonso are among the best-performing managers around. The 20 best managers on the planet have been ranked based on trophies, success and longevity. There are many incredible managers in world football at the moment, with some experienced veterans in the game enduring a wonderful 2024, while younger bosses are emerging to stake their claim as the best around in 2025. With the 2024/25 season almost complete, there has been plenty of time for coaches to stake a claim that they are deserving of a higher spot among other leading tacticians as they enter the crunch periods of the campaign and as such, the rankings have changed to reflect their performances. With all that said, below is a list of the 20 best managers in football currently, and the following factors have been taken into consideration when trying to order them. Ranking factors Trophies. Recent success (Honours won). Longevity. Performance compared to expectations. International managers and out-of-work bosses are ranked lower due to a lack of recent games. 20 Nuno Espirito Santo Nottingham Forest After Steve Cooper brought Nottingham Forest back to the promised land, it was hard to imagine anyone doing a better job with the team. Up stepped Nuno Espirito Santo, though, who was tipped to struggle with the club once they let Cooper go, but he's gone from strength to strength while in charge and has Forest on the cusp of European football for the first time in decades. Forest fans are in dreamland every week as their side defies the odds and holds onto a spot in the top four. Wins against the likes of Liverpool and Manchester United have underlined what's been a sublime campaign so far, but there's no doubt they wouldn't be in the position they are without the gaffer. A 30-year overnight sensation. That is one way you could describe Gian Piero Gasperini. The 67-year-old Italian has been quietly going about his business, establishing himself as one of the most reliable managers in his native country, doing serviceable jobs without finding any major success until recently. Having had stints at Genoa, Palermo and a five-game run with Inter Milan, Gasperini took the Atalanta job in 2016 and, eight years after his arrival, picked up the first trophy of his career as his side defeated the unbeaten Bayer Leverkusen in the Europa League final. It was the icing on top of the cake for all the good work the veteran coach had done at the club, though he has recently found himself embroiled in a spat with the man who scored a hat-trick in the final, Ademola Lookman. Italy have found qualification for international tournaments to be hard to come by at times in their recent history, but Luciano Spalletti has managed to turn the tide a little, guiding them to Euro 2024. It was ultimately a disappointing outing, though, with the nation crashing out in the round of 16 following a 2-0 loss to Switzerland. The former Inter Milan boss took charge of the national side in 2023 after leaving Napoli. During his time in Naples, Spalletti proved he was capable of getting his team to work hard as he guided the club to a first Serie A title in over 30 years. This is the biggest triumph of his managerial career to date. That could change, though, if he manages to lead his nation to glory in a major tournament somewhere down the line. After working his way up through the Spain youth team, Luis de la Fuente was handed a chance with the nation's senior team in 2022, and he hasn't looked back since. Euro 2024 marked a dominant campaign for his team, with the 63-year-old leading them to glory. Having beaten England 2-1 in the Euro 2024 final, Spain became the first team ever to win all seven of their games in the major tournament. After a disappointing few years, the manager turned things around quickly and Spain dominated their opposition in style during the European Championship. With such a talented, young squad at his disposal, it might be wise to start getting used to the idea of the former left-back and his men dominating international football. While gone are the years of Antonio Conte being one of the hottest managers around, the Italian has been able to re-establish himself as one of the top tacticians at Napoli as he looks to push the Naples-based outfit back to the top of Serie A. Conte's reputation had taken a bit of a hit following his ill-fated stint at Tottenham, though history has proven that he actually did a commendable job given the circumstances. Before that, he helped Inter Milan win Serie A, took Chelsea to the Premier League title, and impressed as Italy's first-team coach. All this in the span of a decade. Now, though, his defence-first mindset looks set to remain in his native country. Despite failing to win Euro 2024 while being the hosts and one of the favourites, big things are still expected from Germany in the future and that's largely due to the revolutionary ideas of Julian Nagelsmann. Eyebrows were raised when Bayern Munich dismissed the German, as the 37-year-old was doing a commendable job at the time. Nagelsmann has since been hired by the national team and has won 12 of his first 21 games in charge of Die Mannschaft, including an impressive and dominant victory over France. He has some of the most exciting young players in the world at his disposal, such as Florian Wirtz and Jamal Musiala, and the young boss' stock will rise significantly if he helps his country to another major honour. Thomas Tuchel might have left Bayern Munich under a cloud after Villa a chance of securing a Champions League spot, but Unai Emery ensured that the West Midlands outfit finished in the top four. Comparing the state of the Villans now to when the ex-Arsenal boss took over from Steven Gerrard shows just how remarkable this achievement is. He has been highly regarded as a brilliant tactician after winning multiple European trophies in his career with Sevilla, and Emery nearly added the Europa Conference League to his extensive list of honours before Villa were dismantled by Olympiacos. Nevertheless, he has elevated the likes of John McGinn, Ollie Watkins and Ezri Konsa to heights that previously looked impossible, which proves the Spaniard is a brilliant man-manager and his side are in the middle of another season fighting for European football. So, then, it's confirmed that we'll have no more Double Gameweeks.The lack of doubles is a bit of a blow to those Fantasy Premier League (FPL) managers who still have chips remaining.Taking the top 10k as a sample, here is an overview of who has what left:With no Double Gameweeks remaining, when should we use our chips?In this article, refreshed for Gameweek 37, we take a look at the options available to FPL managers.Above, we've sorted the remaining Gameweeks by difficulty.There aren't many stand-out candidates in Gameweek 37. Two of the bottom three face each other and Everton host the other relegated club.Given the joy FPL managers have had in targeting the three boomeranging Championship-bound sides in 2024/25, that's not ideal. With the greatest respect to Kamaldeen Sulemana (£5.0m) and Abdoulaye Doucoure (£5.1m), no one is handing the armband to anyone from those fixtures...In Gameweek 37, then, an alternative approach: opposing the sides whose minds are on Europe.Morgan Rogers (£5.7m) and Ollie Watkins (£8.9m) therefore have captaincy claims. While the match has been moved forward to help with Spurs' UEFA Europa League final preparations the following week, Ange Postecoglou may well still manage his regulars' minutes for what is a meaningless Premier League encounter from their perspective. Even if not, will they be fully committed to the task in hand?Could Cole Palmer (£10.5m) also be an option at home to Manchester United, who are similarly distracted by continental clashes?The final day is often viewed as a goalfest, and there's some weight behind that notion.In Gameweek 38, it's the turn of Arsenal, Bournemouth and West Ham to face the bottom three.However, it could be that the Gunners, the Cherries and the Hammers are all involved in dead rubbers by the final weekend. Andoni Iraola's side may still be involved the race for eighth but Arsenal may have already secured their Champions League place for 2025/26. West Ham have long been stuck in lower-mid-table limbo.The lack of pressure could have a liberating effect, of course, but the respective managers' team selections could throw up a few surprises.Ignoring those caveats, Bukayo Saka (£10.3m) obviously stands out. He delivered a 16-point haul in his last meeting with the Saints, with his non-penalty xG1 figure of 1.24 his second-highest of the season.As for the Cherries, Evanilson (£5.8m) stands out. With injuries to Dango Ouattara (£4.6m) and Alex Scott (£4.7m), there are also fewer game-time concerns over Justin Kluivert (£6.0m) and Antonee Semeyo (£5.7m) now after their recent benchings.Below, we've put together a colour-coded graphic of when each club has/might have a 'table bonus' game in the run-in.There aren't too many stand-out runs if it is indeed table bonus that you're after.Manchester United will have two cracks at the table bonus in the final two Gameweeks, as might Tottenham Hotspur. Those two clubs are likely to have more than one eye on the UEFA Europa League final, however, so you'd question the value of backing them.Kieran McKenna (£0.5m) and Ipswich Town are top of our Season Ticker in the final two Gameweeks. With possible one table bonus shot, they have winnable (or at least drawable!) matches against Leicester City and West Ham United to come. McKenna has gained table bonus from Chelsea and Bournemouth in recent weeks.Graham Potter (£0.5m) will also hope to take advantage of Nottingham Forest's current malaise in Gameweek 37. A win for the Hammers gets Potter table bonus before that final-day trip to Ipswich.Fabian Hurlzeler (£1.1m) and Oliver Glasner (£0.8m) will be hoping to catch a rotated Liverpool cold in Gameweeks 37 and 38. Both managers will be eligible for table bonus in those games.For the same reasons we mentioned in the Triple Captain section above, the lack of stand-out matches in Gameweek 37 perhaps makes Gameweek 38 more appealing for the Free Hit.With Gameweek 38, there's the lure of a final-day goals bonanza and being able to cherry-pick an XI when motivation/rotation is at this point unknown. Another advantage of Gameweek 38 is that the likes of Arsenal, Bournemouth and Newcastle have iffy fixtures before then, so they can be avoided until the final day.Here is a draft we've put together for Gameweek 38. Kieran Trippier (£5.7m) can become any other Newcastle defender if he hasn't recovered from injury by then.Again, this will be dependent on your current set-up. And again, Gameweek 37 has fewer attractive fixtures.If there is an advantage to Gameweek 38, it's that you'll have at least two transfers between now and then to get yourself a competitive squad of 15 for the final day. Some would argue that could be to the detriment of having the most optimal starting XI every week, of course, but funds are likely not an issue for many right now.If you've got the ability to save and roll, stockpiling transfers for the final day and being able to snap up the most appealing Arsenal and Bournemouth players at that point could be beneficial.At this point, with no doubles, it's a 'whenever your team needs it most' scenario.Given that you'd usually give yourself the best chance of a successful Wildcard over a longer period (ie less short-term variance), the advice would typically be the sooner the better.But there are few real stand-out fixtures to target in Gameweek 37, so you'd have to wonder who exactly you'd target this week. Everton attackers at home to Southampton, perhaps? The trouble is, the Toffees are away at Newcastle on the final day, although they should at least be benched in that scenario.So, the final option is to think of it like a Free Hit. 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If this page is being presented to you in error, please use the Contact Us page and we will investigate further. Please see our outage blog for information about IT support and the Trove Twitter and Facebook pages for updates. We apologise for any inconvenience. The following is a list of managers of Crystal Palace Football Club, from the beginning of the club's official managerial records in 1905 to the present day. Each manager's entry includes the dates of his tenure and the club's overall competitive record (in terms of matches won, drawn and lost). Edmund Goodman is Crystal Palace's longest serving manager, having taken charge of 613 matches from 1907 to 1925. The club's second-longest serving manager, Steve Coppell, presided over a total of 565 games between 1984 and 2000 across four spells, and in 2005 was voted as the manager for Palace's Centenary XI; he took the club to the 1990 FA Cup final and helped achieve their highest ever league finish of third place in the top-flight, as well as winning the 1990-91 Full Members' Cup and twice achieving promotion from the second tier. Oliver Glasner has been manager since 2024, and led Palace to the 2024-25 FA Cup title, the club's first ever major trophy, as well as ensuring qualification for European competition for the first time. All first-team matches in national competition are counted, except the abandoned 1939-40 Football League season and matches in wartime leagues and cups Names of caretaker managers are supplied where known and marked † Names of player-managers are marked ‡ Win percentage is rounded to two decimal places Statistics are complete up to and including the match played 5 May 2025. Edmund Goodman is Crystal Palace's longest serving manager, taking charge of 613 matches over 18 years. Terry Venables, a former Palace player, was manager between 1976 and 1980, helping the club to promotion out of the Third Division and winning the Second Division, as well as from 1998 to 1999. Steve Coppell, in charge across four spells between 1984 and 2000, led the club to two promotions, the 1990 FA Cup final, a highest ever top-flight finish (third) and the 1990-91 Full Members' Cup. Roy Hodgson, a former Palace player, was manager from 2017 to 2021 and again 2023 to 2024, helping establish the club's longest spell in the top-flight. Oliver Glasner, the club's current manager since 2024, led the club to its first ever major trophy, the 2024-25 FA Cup, and qualification to European competition for the first time. Name Nat. From To Record Honours Notes P W D L Win% Jack Robson ENG 1905 1907 77 35 18 24 045.45 Southern League Division Two championship: 1905-06 Edmund Goodman ENG 1907 1925 613 242 166 205 039.48 London Challenge Cup winners: 1912-13, 1913-14, 1920-21 Football League Third Division winners: 1920-21 Alex Maley SCO 1925 1927 83 36 16 31 043.37 Fred Mavin ENG 1927 1930 132 63 33 36 047.73 Jack Tresadern ENG 1930 1935 213 98 44 71 046.01 Tom Bromilow ENG 1935 1936 44 23 5 16 052.27 [a] R. S. 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